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LORD IRWIN TO CONFER WITH GANDHIJI ON 23RD.

COAL MINES BILL.

Second Reading Passed.

A VERY CLOSE VOTING.

L. G. Threatens To Tackle "Vicious Provisions" In Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

The debate on the second reading of the Coal Mining Bill was resumed to-day. Mr. Lloyd George described the Bill as "Incredibly bad." He did not believe that Government would put it through in anything like its present shape, and hinted that if Mr. MacDonald made concessions to Liberals, the latter would not interfere in the second reading, but would reserve the most complete freedom to deal with the "vicious provisions" in the Committee.

The debate on the Coal Mining Bill was wound up by Mr. MacDonald who reminded the House that the existing legislation would terminate in 1931 and that the position must be faced. There could be no solution of the Coal problem until the problem of price was faced. There had been the most extravagant internal competition, and Government was trying to stop this. Coal was thus sold at levels which did not permit of a decent organisation of the Industry itself, did not permit of the payment of a decent wages to miners and did not permit of profits on the Industry. Royalties must be nationalised without delay. The Bill was pre-eminently one for discussion in the Committee.

A VERY CLOSE VOTING.

The majority which rejected the Conservative amendment to the Coal Bill consisted of 279 Labourites and two Liberals. The minority consisted of 228 Conservatives, four Independents and 41 Liberals including Mr. Lloyd George. Five Liberals abstainend from voting and 20 members had paired. A state of great excitement reigned in the Commons throughout the evening before division. It was known that the voting would be very close and the actual result was in doubt doubt until the tellers handed in figures. The Bill was subsequently committed to a Committee of the whole House. Negotiations will now be resumed between Government and various interests and parties with a view to an exhaustive examination in detail.

SECOND READING PASSED.

(Later.)—The House of Commons passed the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill after the defeat of Conservative amendment for rejection by twoeighone votes t twoseventhree.—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 19.

Rugby.—The House of Commons resumed debate on the second reading of the Coal Mines Bill which had been adjourned from Tuesday. Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister on Tuesday had moved an amendment for the rejection of the measure, while Sir Herbert Samuel, the Liberal spokesman, had adversely criticised its provisions for the marketing scheme. Sir Herbert Samuel put certain questions to Government which were answered by Mr. Ben Turner, Minister for Mines. These replies were considered yesterday outside the House by Liberals.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S SPEECH.

When the debate was continued to-day Mr. Lloyd George, the Liberal Leader made his eagerly awaited speech. He declared that the Bill contained the worst features of socialism and individualism without the redeeming features of either. Two provisions of the Bill of which he approved were those relating to reduction of hours and the establishment of a National Wages Board. Nine-tenths of the Bill was the fixation of prices and the limitation of ouput. He contended that there were two ways of meeting the deficit on the working of coal mines. One was the crude method of putting up prices. The other was the method of reorganising the industry so as to save in production and distribution. The latter was the method that would benefit the miners and the mine-owners and the country as a whole. The Government had chosen the crude burdensome method—easy but pernicious—of merely putting up the prices. The alternative to putting up the prices was the grouping of mines in such a way as to save costs of production and distribution. He now asked the President o f the Board of Trade whether the Government would undertake to introduce into the Bill in the Committee complete provisions to compel the grouping of mines. Mr. Ben Turner's answer to Sir Herbert Samuel's question on this point on Tuesday had been that Government had the power in the Bill to appoint Commissioners to draw up amalgamation schemes. Mr. Lloyd George insisted that provisions for the compulsory grouping must be in the Bill itself. This matter was vital; and the Liberals must reserve to themselves complete freedom to deal with the matter in the Committee.—B. O. W.

A BAGHDAD SENSATION.

YOUNG RUSSIAN CLAIMS TO BE SON OF CZAR.

ARRESTED BY IRAQ POLICE AND RELEASED.

BAGHDAD, Dec. 20.

The Russian community in Baghdad was greatly excited last night, at the news that a young Russian claiming to be the only son of the late Czar of Russia had been arrested by the Iraq police at Sulaimania, in Kurdistan, on a charge of entering the country without a passport from Persia, to which country he maintains he escaped after many years in a Siberian prison. The Czar's son should now be 25, whereas the claimant does not look more than twenty, but the resemblance to the Russian Royal family is startling. He was released, to-day, after a week's detension in prison in Baghdad, the police confessing themselves unable either to contradict or confirm his story.—Reuter.

Meeting In Viceregal Lodge.

REPRESSION IN BENGAL.

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Prosecution Of National Workers.

CONGRESS AND YOUTH LEAGUE OFFICES SEARCHED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

"The Government have initiated a policy of severe repression and many villagers including some of our important workers are being prosecuted. Moveable property of all those who have resorted to non-payment of taxes is being attached and sometimes stealthily auctioned. Valuable cattle worth rupees forty, fifty and sixty are being sold for paltry sums", says Sjt. Subhas Chandra Bose in a statement on the Bandabilla notax campaign against the enhanced Union Board taxes for the last two months.

The Bengal Provincial Congress Committee at a meeting this evening took up the cause and a Committee was appointed to conduct the movement to a successful end.—Free Press.

ON A WILD GOOSE CHASE.

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Police Raid On Congress & Youth League Offices.

COMILLA, Dec. 20.

The police simultaneously searched this morning the Congress Office and the Youth Association and several houses of the office-bearers of the Congress and the Youth Association with a view to recover seditious leaflets and proscribed books. It is reported they were able to find nothing. No arrests were made.—Free Press.

LONDON NAVAL CONFERENCE.

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Sir A. Chatterjee To Represent India.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

It is understood that Sir Atul Chatterjee will represent India at the London Naval Conference.—Reuter.

"CHEERIO, I'M OFF TO AUSTRALIA."

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Young Zealander On Record Breaking Flight.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Capt. Chichester is flying in a Moth aeroplane and carries 30 gallons of petrol. He started in a most casual manner, remarking, cheerio am off Australia."

Capt. Chichester is not an ex-member of the Royal Air Force but is a wealthy young New Zealander who learned flying three months ago.

Capt. Chichester left Croydon at 3 this morning on a flight to Australia, it is understood, on an attempt to beat Hinkler's record.—Reuter.

TRAIN-MOTOR CRASH NEAR BARCELONA.

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17 Persons Killed.

Barcelona, Dec. 20.—Seventeen persons have been killed and 10 injured by a train crashing into a motorcoach at a level crossing near San Dadurni. Only one of 28 occupants of the motorcouch has escaped without injuries and he has disappeared demented.—Reuter.

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THE "BIG FIVE" INVITED TO DELHI.

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To Acquaint Viceroy With Their Views.

SIR T. SAPRU & MR. JINNAH INCLUDED IN LIST.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

The Associated Press understands on the best authority that during his present tour, His Excellency the Viceroy received intimation that Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Motilal Nehru, Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, the Hon. Mr. V. J. Patel and Mr. Jinnah would be glad, if invited, to meet him and place him in possession of their views on his recent announcement regarding the proposed Round Table Conference in London.

A meeting has accordingly been arranged to be held at Viceroy's House, New Delhi, on the Viceroy's return from tour on December 23rd.—A. P.

ASSEMBLY AND R. T. CONFERENCE.

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Representation Of States Subjects.

DELHI, Dec. 19.
(By Mail.)

Raja Raghunandan Prasad Singh of Monghyr has seven resolutions in his list before the Assembly. One of them is of topical interest. It wishes to convey to His Majesty's Government the sense of satisfaction and thankfulness of country in general and non-official members of the Assembly in particular at the recent Viceregal pronouncement and to suggest taking of effective steps to secure representation on the projected Round Table Conference of all interests in British India including landholding interests.

THE LONDON CONFERENCE.

On the other hand Mr. C. Duraiswami Iyengar will move:—

This Assembly recommeds to His Excellency the Governor-General-in Council,

(A) That he may be pleased to take prompt steps to bring about the conference with representative Indians envisaged in the statement issued on October 31, 1929 by His Excellency the Viceroy,

(B) That he may be pleased to get it decided that at the said conference the subjects of Indian States must also be represented independent of the Ruling Chiefs.

(C) That he may be further pleased to inform His Majesty's Government that, irrespective of what the recommendations of the Royal Commission may be, the basis of discussion at the conference must be the immediate grant of Dominion Status for India and the form of such status.—A. P.

SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN LONDON.

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M. Sokolnikoff Presents Credentials

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Russian Ambassador M. Sokolnikoff presented his credetials to the Prince of Wales at St. James Palace to-day.—Reuter.

PANDIT MOTILAL IN LAHORE COURT.

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Has A Brief Talk With Accused.

APPEALS PUBLIC FOR FUNDS.

LAHORE, Dec. 20

The Cross-examination of Ramdulery continued to-day when the Court reassembled to-day. Witness stated after his arrest he kept on thinking for about a week and then decided to speak out the truth and told so the guard on duty. No police man threatened him.

Dr. N. S. Hardikar, who sought an interview with the accused Rajaguru the other day, was granted permission by the Magistrate.

To-day, the accused again protested against non-allowance of newspapers to them.—Free Press.

Pandit Motilal Interviews Lahore "Conspiracy" Accused.

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LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Pandit Motilal with Messrs. Mohanlal Saxana, Senior Counsel in the Kakori "Conspiracy" case, and Mr. Rafiahmed Kidwai, M.L.A. paid a visit to the Central Jail this morning at 10-30, when besides the accused and the Magistrate none had turned up. As Pandit Motilal Nehru entered the Court, shouts of "Long live Revolution," "Down with Imperialism," echoed through the hall. The accused then sang the famous song of "Kakori" song.

Panditji then had a short conversation with the accused for about 15 minutes. The accused placed their grievances before him and told him of the fate of their applications. While taking leave Pandit Motilal Nehru asked the accused if they had anything more to say, to which Sanyal said: "You have done us a great honour by paying us a visit."

Pandit Nehru: "It is my duty."

The accused then expressed a desire to have an interview with Panditji and he hoped to meet them again soon.—Free Press.

"SERVE CAUSE OF JUSTICE AND HUMANITY."

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Subscribe To Lahore Case Defend Fund.

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Pandit Motilal Nehru, President of the Congress has issued the following appeal in aid of the Lahore "Conspiracy" Case Defence Fund.

"I was sorry to learn that the Defence Committee of the Lahore Conspiracy Case is badly off for funds. The enquiry that is going on promises to a very long one and constant supply of funds is necessary to the conduct of the Defence. The accused are on their trial for serious offences and should be afforded a full opportunity for establishing their innocence. It is a mistake to think that those who subscribe to the Defence Fund in any way associate themselves with the crime of a nature which these accused are charged with. I hope the public will continue to contribute their mite to the Fund so as to enable the accused to put their case properly before the Court and relieve them of a handicap which a State Prosecution always places upon the accused persons of moderate means. In helping them with funds, the donors, in my opinion will be only serving the cause of justice and humanity."—Free Press.

INDIAN EX-SERVICEMEN AND CONGRESS.

Demonstrations During Congress Week In Lahore Banned.

RISALDAR UNDER ARREST.

Punjab Governor Cited As Defence Witness!

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Risaldar Anupsingh, leader of ex-military men who was organising a demonstratino of Jatha during the Congress Week as a protest against the alleged unsympathetic response of the Government to their grievances was arrested here to-day under section 107 I.P.C. for alleged abetment and agitaton.

A bail of Rs. 25,000 was demanded of him which he could not furnish.

It might be mentioned here another case is proceeding against him before the Additional District Magistrate asking him to show cause why his security of Rs. 4,000 furnished by him last winter for keeping the peace when he brought another Jatha of ex-service men to Lahore should not be cancelled.—Free Press.

BAIL REFUSED TO RISALDAR ANUPSINGH.

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DR. ALAM TO DEFENCE LEADER.

LAHORE, Dec. 119.

Interesting developments are reported in the case that is pending against Sirdar Anupsingh, Pensioner Risaldar for the forfeiture of his security gond of Rs. 2,000 before Mr. Lewis, the Additional District Magistrate.

Sirdar Anupsingh was one of the leaders of the Ex-soldiers' Jatha who was bound down for good behaviour on a security of Rs. 2,000. Sirdar Anupsingh has now been called upon to explain why his security bond should not be forfeited as according to authorities he has not acted up to the terms of the bond.

DR. ALAM TO DEFEND. RISALDAR.

Dr. Mohommad Alam appeared for the accused and put in a long statement on behalf of the latter that the proceedings were illegal the accused joined the meetings in accordance with the wishes and instructions of Mr. F. H. Puckle, Deputy Commissioner of Lahore. The accused also alleged in this statement that several promises were made to him by Government authorities including His Excellency the Governor, but he at present did not consider is advisable to give their details.

WHY THE PROCEEDINGS WERE STARTED.

It was also definitely alleged by the accused that the proceedings of forfeiture of security were started again him merely to put pressure on him that he should cause Fauji meetings in days of the Congress stopped. The court refused to record any further oral statement of Sardar Anupsingh after this written statement.

GOVERNOR AS DEFENCE WITNESS.

The accused was asked to put in a list of the defence witnesses with reasons for summoning each witness, and was allowed an hour for this. The list of witnesses filed by the accused included His Excellency the Governor of the Punjab, Mr. Ogilvie, Home Secretary to the Punjab Government, Mr. Puckle, Deputy Commissioner and Mr. Scott, Superintendent of Police.

WHAT GOVERNOR ASKED HIM. TO DO.

The reasons given for summoning His Excellency were to show that His Excellency was pleased with the conduct of the accused in reference to Fauji meetings and that His Excellency's kind promise influenced the accused to talk with him in which the former asked the accused to stop Fauji meetings in days of the Congress.

COURT REFUSES TO SUMMON WITNESSES.

The Court in a detailed order refused to summon all these witnesses, thereupon Dr. Alam applied on behalf of the accused to stay the proceedings and be allowed sufficient time to move the High Court for transfer of the case, because the court was not prepared to summon fraterial evidence to explain the presence of his client in the alleged meetings, his client had reasonable apprehensions of not getting a fair trial in this court.

The Court read an order and postponed the case for the 23rd instant. The Defence counsel objected to the time allowed on the ground that it was very short. The court did not agree to extend the time and Counrel requested to record his objections. After this the court gave an order to the Assistant Legal Remembrance who was appearing for the Crown saying that he might read the order. Dr. Mohd Alam also read the order and at once explained that this was not the order first proclaimed which was torn by the Court, and that it was a different order although of the same purpose, but the language was not identical. The Court remarked that the one torn of was only a draft. There was some exchange of remarks over it between the defence counsel, the Asst. Legal Remembrancecer and the Court.

The case was adjourned to 23rd instant.

BACK HOME.

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Public Reception To Mrs. Naidu.

Srimati Sarojini Naidu is arriving in Bombay to-day (Saturday) after a short visit to East Africa where she presided over the East Africa Indian Congress. The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee has arranged to accord a public reception to her at a public meeting the same day at the Peoples' Jinnah Hall at 6 p.m. (S.T.).

FREE ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR ALL.

DETAILS ON PAGE 10

STOCKS & SHARES

Small Budly Business.

ABSENCE OF BUSINESS.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

To-day on the Stock Exchange there was marked absence of any fresh business and small transfer business was transacted. The tone was rather quiet and it was more or less Holiday Session which closed as under:—

SPINNING & WEAVING MILLS.
Bombay, Dec. 18.
Ahmedabad Advance (100) xd. 335
Apollo 50, nil 2/12.
Assur Veerji (5) nil 1
Barsi (250) 20y 125.
Berar Manufacturing (800) 15y. 165.
Bharat 100 10y, 67/8
Bombay Cotton (200) 201 145
Bombay Dyeing (25) 201 701/4
Bombay Industrial (20) 8.
Bradbury (200) nil 150.
Broach Fine Count 250 nil, 20.
Central India 453/12
Century 100, 287/8
Colaba Land 135
Chescerft 100 76/4
Fazulbhoy 250 485
David 250, nil 200.
Dawn 250 470
E. D. Sassoon United Ord. 0-6-6
Ebrahim Pabaney 200, 122-8.
Edward Sassoon 200 200 nil 60
Elphinstone 100, 6.
Finlay 100 10y 96/4.
Framjee Petit 1000 nil 180
Gokak 100, 148-12.
Gold Mohur 100 nil 100
Hindustan 100 65 100 1750
Indian Bleaching etc. 100 101 102/8
Indian Manufacturing 1,000 75 1100
Indore Malwa 190 (1,221 355 xd.
Jamshed 250 nil 13.
Jam Ranji Singhji 1,000. 100y 1750
Kohinoor 151-4.
Khandesh 1,000 50y 2200
Khatau Makanji 100 nil 83-12.
Laxmi Cotton 200, 10 xd nil 1470.
Maneckji Petit 1,000 20y 1100.
Madras United 250 7/81 400.
Morarji Gokuldas 100 nil 600
Mathradas 50, nil, 20.
Meyer Sassoon 100 nil, 40
Minerva 100 nil 82.
Model Mills Nagpur 250 nil 75
Mysore 50 plus 21 xd. 152/8.
New City of Bombay 71/4
New Great Eastern 200 10y 163/2
Osmanshahi 75 2/4y 45.
Pearl 100 287/8
Phoenix 100 316.
Premier 10, nil, 3
Sassoon Cotton 100 nil 5
Sassoon and Alliance Mills xd 61.
Simplex 130, 36/4
Sholapur 1000 for xd. 2570
Sir Shapurjee Barucha 100 nil 5/12.
Swadeshi 100 382/8
Tata Mill 25, nil, 20
Vishnu Cotton 500, 2430
Western India Spinning 1,000, 925

BANKS.
Bank of India 80, 2, 2xd. 94-8.
Baroda 5500 0/3 77.
Central 200 xd. 16/10
Eastern £5 xd. 88.
Imperial Bank 1342/8
Imperial Contributory 125 10f 330
Union 5/11 3/7
P. & O. Bank £10, 10f, 122.

CEMENT AND MANGANESE COMPANIES.
Bundi Portland 10-0-0 30f 3d. xd. 15
Gwalior Cement 83, 88.
Central India Mining 4
Indian Cement 241/4
Punjab Cement 100, 11/4
Shahabad Cement 10y, 138/12
Shivrajpur 20 2-1 xd. 14/8
United Cement 100 6y 56 xd.
Katni Defd. 615.
Katni Ord. 173/2

RAILWAYS.
Ahmedabad Prantej 400 31/11/ 830
Amritsar Patti 3-10-0f, xd. 114
Central Provinces 37
Dhond Baramati 100 2/11/6 97, 97.
Gujarat 100 2/4/8f 80.
Hoshiarpur Doab 100 4/12/6 81.
Larkhana 100 11 89
Mandra Bhon 90, 1/15/21, 70.
Mymensingh 100 2/11/8f 97/8
Pachora Jamner 100 2/4 8f 85.
Sialkot Narrowal 100 2/4/8 89.
Sara Sirajgunj 100 2-6-9f 82.
Sind Light 100 5-7 62.
Tapti Valley xd. 673/12
Upper Sind 100 nil 89.

ELECTRIC UNDERTAKINGS.
Ahmedabad Electric 100, 6 8y. 128/12
Surat Electric O 100 5/7y xd. 122/8
Andhra Valley Ord. xd. 661/4
Bombay Tram Ord. xd. 136/4
Tata Hydro Electric 1000 161. xd. 1172/8
Tata Power 300 nil, 515
Karachi Electricity 100 0/41. 145
Poona Electricity 100, 1y, 150.

PRESS COMPANIES.
Fort 475 10y 130.
Harvey and Sabapathy 1120 xd. plus 20.
Indian Cotton 125 17/8y 221/4
Manmad Manufacturing xd. 272/8
New Berar 500 70y 860.
New Mofussil 400, 407, 510 xd.
New Prince of Wales 500 20y 400 xd.
Volkart U. P. 50-0-30y 437-8.

INSURANCE COMPANIES.
Bl. I. G. Insurance 10, nil 4.
Bombay Life Assurance 40 17/4y 40.
Empire of India Life 100, 30/ 1905.
Jupiter General Insurance Ord. 10/14
New Indian Assurance 6 19/10.
Oriental Government Security Life 100,2020.
Vulcan 100 03/0y xd. 6
Industrial& Prudential 6 9-14

MISCELLANEOUS.
Alcock Ashdown 199, 6y, 296/4
Attock Oil 1 nil, 25
Belapur Co. 50, nil; 7/8.
Bombay Steam Co. Ord. 212/8
Burma Uganda 12, nil 38
Burma F Corporation 750
Burma Corp. 10 Rs. 11/12
Indian Radio Ord. 325
Jost Engineering 50 182/8
Kemp 200 15 185
Mackenzie Saw Mill 100 115
Scinda Steam 10/14
Tata Construction xd. 37.
Tata Iron Ord. 57
Tata Iron Defd. 203/12
Bombay Telephone 50, 1y 54
Assur Veerji Mills B. 7 (F. T.) 94.
Bombay Steam T 8 p.c. 10s.
Kastoorchand Mills T. 7 (F. T 80.
Kohinoor Mills T. 7 10%.
Tata Hydro E. 106/8.
Tata Steel B. 7 p.c. 100
Tata Power 7-1/2 100
Andhra Valley B. 103
Apollo Mills B 7/8 F. T. 80.

PREFERENCE Shs.
Tata 1st Pref. 130
Tata 2nd Pref. 77/4
Andhra Pref. 1042/8
Tata Hydro Pref. 1077/8
Tata Power Pref. 1040

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Dec. 19.

T.T. Berlin on London	20.38 1/2
T.T. Amsterdam on Lndon	12.10
T.T. Brussels on London	34.86
T.T. Madrid on London	35.23
T.T. Milan on London	93.25
T.T. Berne on London	25.10
T.T. Paris on London	123.92
T.T. London on Prague	164.40

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Dec. 19.

Chartered Bank of I.A. & C. £18-1/4.
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Register) £123.
National Bank £46 1/2.
Eastern Bank £5-7/8.
Funding Loan 4 p.c. £85-1/8.
Conversion Loan £74-1/8.
Indian Loan 5½ p.c. £99.
Rupee Paper 3½ p.c. £49-3/4.
Indian Stock, 3 p.c. Sterling Loan £52-1/2.
Indian Stock, 3½ p.c. Sterling Loan £62.
Consols £52 3/4.
War Loan 5 p.c. £99-3/4
Victory Bonds 4 p.c. £91-3/8.

NEW YORK DEMAND BILLS.

New York, Dec. 19.
Demand Bills 487.75

LONDON METALS.

London, Dec. 19.

Copper Braziers £92-1/2.
Yellow Metal £69-1/4.
Spelter, Hard Indian Brands, £19-1/4.
Corrugated Sheets, 24 gauge, £12-5/8.
Tin, English Ingots £184-1/2.

LONDON PRODUCE.

London, Dec. 19.

Cotton, Bombay, ton £7-15-0 Dec/Jan. s'ment. Sellers.
Castorseed, Bombay, ton, £16-15-0 Dec/Jan s'ment. Sellers.
Rapeseed, Toria ton £18-7-6 Dec/Jan. s'ment. Sellers.

LINSEED.

London, Dec. 19.

Linseed, Calcutta ton, £22-12-6 December s'ment. Sellers.
Linseed Calcutta ton, £20-10-0 April/May s'ment. Sellers..
Linseed La Plata, C.I.F. ton, £19-2-6 Dec/Jan. s'ment. Hull. Sellers.
Linseed Bombay ton, £23-0-0 December s'ment. Sellers.

LINSEED OIL.

London, Dec. 19.

Linseed Oil, naked London, cwt. 39/3 Jan/April delivery Paid and Sellers.
Linseed Oil, naked London cwt. 37/6 May/Aug delivery Paid and Sellers.

Bombay Cotton

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Bombay, Dec. 20.

The local market opened at Rs. 313/12 for Broach A./M. delivery and improved to Rs. 314/4. At tris level there was some hedge selling which depressed prices to Rs. 313 and the market closed at 3 p.m. as under:—

Broach A./M. 313/14.
Oomra D./J. 261.
Oomra March 268/4.
Oomra May 273/12.
Bengal D./J. 206/8.
Bengal March 216/4.
Bengal May 223-8-0.

SAMPIN QUOTATIONS.

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Bombay, Dec. 20.

Dec.	188.60—1.30
Mar.	192.20+0.40
June	194.60—0.20

COTTON TENDERS.

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Bombay, Dec. 20.

	To-day	Total.
F.G.M.G. Bengal D./J	2,600	30,500
Fine M.G. Oomra D./J.	1,500	10 700

BROACH COTTON CROP.

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(From our Special Correspondent.)

Broach, Dec. 20.

Yesterday rained about 1-1/2 inch. Believe season will be delayed by a week. Slight damage to open Cotton . Effect of rains depends on eventual weather.

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES.

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Bombay, Dec. 20.

F. P. Bales.	1929-30
Receipts to date 19-12-29	6471000
„ Yesterday do.	36000
Exports to date do.	3568000
Stock at Ports 13-12-29	2640000
„ Interior Towns do.	1462000
„ Liverpool 13-12-29	814000
Visible Supply 13-12-29	5870000
Quantity in Sight do.	10685000
„ out of „ 14-12-29	6550000

INDIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.

Scinde, Fully Good	5.40+05
Scinde Fine	5.65+05
Scinde Superfine	5.90+05
Bengal Good	5.15+05
Bengal Fully God	5.40+05
Bengal Fine	5.65+05
Oomra Good,	6.40+05
Oomra Fully Good	6.70+05
Oomra Fine	7.00+05
Broach Fully Good	7.40+05
Broach Fine	7.65+05
Broach Superfine	7.90+05

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 19.

Silver—China sold. Business small. Market is quiet. &

	Today's Price.
Spot	22-3/16
Forward	22-1/8

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 19.

Bar Gold, Fine per oz. £4-4-11½

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Dec. 19.

Interest Day to Day Loans 4-1/4 per cent.
Interest 7 Day Market Loans 4 per cent.
Bank Bills, 3 months 4-13/16 per cent.
Bank Bills, 6 months 4-3/4 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills, 3 month 5-1/4 per cent.
Fine Trade Bills, 6 months 5-3/4 per cent.

AMERICAN COTTON MARKETS.

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New York Futures 8 To 5 Points Off.

LONG LIQUIDATION.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20

Yesterday the New York Cotton Futures market advanced 3 points during the early part of the Session but later on declined on weakness of Wall Street and liquidation. The market closed at a decline of 8 to 5 points.

PRIVATE CABLES.

N. Y. January Highest 17.00 (at the opening) lowest 16.91 (at the close.)

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Dec. 19.

January	16.91—06
March	17.21—07
May	17.44—08
July	17.65—06
October	17.64—05
Middling Spot	17.10—05

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Dec. 19.

December	16.82—06
Januar y	16.87—06
Middling Spot	16.88—05

NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 19.

New York 10-55, a.m. (As known in Liverpool at closing time):—

January	Unquoted.
March	17.29
May	17.53

New York 11.45 a.m.

January	16.97
March	17.27
May	17.50

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Dec. 19.

Day's Receipts at all U. S. ports 36,000 bales.
Day's Exports to Great Britain 24,000 bales.
Day's Exports to the Continent 27,000 bales.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.

	Opening.	Closing.
December		9.06—
January	9.14	9.11—
February		9.14—01
March	9.25	9.22—01
April		9.25—01
May	9.35	9.32—01
June		9.33—01
July	9.41	9.38—01
August		9.37—
September		9.36—
October	9.37	9.36+01
November		9.36+01
December		9.40+02
January, 1931.		9.39+01
Middling Spot		9.41+04

LIVERPOOL COTTON SALES.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.

Sales at Liverpool	4,000
Sales on Speculation	100
Sales of East Indian Coton	260

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Dec. 19.

January	13.43—00
March	13.60—01
May	13.74—
July	13.90+01
November	13.95—02
December	13.85—02
Sakellaridis F.G.F.	
Spot	14.05—06

INDIAN COTTON CROP NEWS.

Daily Arrivals At Various Centres.

BOMBAY PADTAR RATES.

Bombay, Dec. 19.
Bales.

	Arrivals	Rate. Rs.
Ujjain	1000	305/20
Indore	300	250/70
Ratlam	40	325/55
Senabad	200	280/82
Bir	200	278/80
Buranpur	200	280/82
Amalner	400	260/65
Dhulia	400	268/73
Chopda	100	280/82
Nagpur	450	295/310
Lyalpur (Sindh-American)	25	325/35
Lyalpur (Desh)		
Onkara	250	230/35
Abohar		
Tandlianwada		
Chandosi	100	245/50
Amraoti	350	260/65
Barsi Kurrurwada	200	260/65
Ganga Khed	300	270/75

	Carts. Arrivals	Rates Rs.
Khandwa	900	275/80
Wardha	900	275/77
Wun	900	280/85
Pandharkawada	500	280/85
Yeotmal	800	280/85
Arvi	800	290/95
Nanded	500	330/40
Latur	300	332/37
Parbani	400	310/20
Khandesh		255/65
Ahmednagar		260/62
Jalna		262/65
Bijapur		265/67
Bengal U. P		215/20
Khamgam	800	265/75
Jalgaon		265/70
C. P. No. 2		270/72
Kudchi		305/10
Mathia		250/52
Pachora		265/70
Puana	300	300/305
Harda	400	275/80
Pandharpur	300	275/80
Hingoli	500	270/75
Karanja	400	270/75
Sallu	250	260/70
Shedbal		280/90
Pandurna		280/90
Kasur (Bengal)		225/30
Hinganghat		275/80
Warora		280/85
Pulgaon	400	250/60
Ranala		255/65
Nandarbar		250/60
Katol		290/95
Vamboria		250/60
Sirpur		260/65
Malkapur		265/70
Sanavad		265/70
Kumpta		285/310
Tirupur Cambodia		360/70
Dhondycha		255/60
Erondol		255/60
Banusar		265/70
Sindhi		285/80
Khirkia		270/75
Ghurja		215/20
Hansi		220/25
Warangam		255/60
Sindurni		255/60
Chalisgaon		265/70

Money Market.

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EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

B. C. RATE.
T T 1/5 7/8
D D 1/5 29/32.
LONDON—
Banks Selling T T 1-5 29/32 ready.
Banks Selling D D 1-5 15/16.
Banks Selling T T 1-5 29/32 Dec.
Banks Selling T T 1-5 15/16 Jany.
Banks Selling T T 1/5 15/16 Feb.
Banks Buying T T 1/5 31/32 Ready.
Banks Buying D D 1/6 Near.
Banks Buying T T 1/6 31/32 Near.
Banks Buying 3 Mos 1/6 1/4 Dec.
Banks Buying 3 Mos 1/6 9/32 Jany.
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 1/6 9/32 Feb.
NEW YORK—
B. C. Rate T T 275 1/4
Banks Selling T T 274 3/4
Banks Buying T T 273 1/2
PARIS—
Banks Selling D D 922
Banks Buying D D 932
Banks Buying 3 Mos. 940.
JAPAN.—
Banks Selling T T 134 1/4
Banks, Buying 60 Days 132
HONGKONG.—
Banks Selling D D 117 1/4
SHANGHAI.—
Banks Selling D D 148
SINGAPORE.—
Banks Selling D D 155 1/2
JAVA.—
Banks Selling D D 90 1-8
CROSS RATE—
New York/London 4.88 5/32 19th inst.
Shanghai/London 2/2 5/16 20th inst.
Japan/London 2/0 1/16 19th inst.
London/Paris 123.90 19th inst.
London/Belgium 34.880 19th inst.
London/Switzerland 25.09 1/2 19th inst.
London/Italy 93.25 19th inst.
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet.
Gold £4-4-10 3/4 18th inst. £4-4-11 1/4 19th inst.
Silver London Ready 22 1/4 18th inst. 22 3/16 19th inst.
Silver London Forward 22 5/16 18th inst. 22 1/4 19th inst.
Silver New York Ready 48 7/8 18th inst. 48 7/8 19th inst.
London Discounts 3 Mos. 4 13/16 per cent. 18th inst. 4 13/16 per cent. 19th inst.
London Discounts 6 mos 4 3/4 per cent. 18th inst. 4 3/4 per cent. 19th inst.
Imperial Bank Rate 7 per cent. Bank of England Rate 5 per cent.
Money:—Inter Bank Call 3 per cent. Nominal. 3 mos 5 per cent. 6 mos 5 per cent. 12 mos 4 per cent.
Tone:—Quiet.

Tone of Silver. Quiet. China sold. Business small.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

3-1|2 per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 67/15
4 per cent Conversion Loan due 1931-36 Rs. 90/10.
4 per cent Loan due 1934-37 Rs 90/4.
4 per cent Loan due 1960-70 Rs 77/2
4-1|2 per cent Bonds due 1934 Rs 95/10.
4-1|2 per cent Loan due 1955-60 Rs. 86/8.
5 per cent War Loan due 1929-47 Rs. 96/6.
5 per cent Loan due 1935 Rs. 97 8
5 per cent Loan due 1939-44 Rs 95/15
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1933 Rs. 100/4
5 per cent Loan (Tax Free) due 1945/55 Rs. 101/2/6
6 per cent War Bonds (Tax Free) due 1930 Rs. 100/5
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1931 Rs. 101/5.
6 per cent Bonds (Tax Free) due 1932 Rs. 102/5
6-1|2 per cent B'bay Devp. Loan (Tax Free) due 1936 Rs. 103/
4 per cent Port Trust due 1974 Rs. 75.
4 per cent Improvement Trust due 1974 Rs. 74.
4 per cent Municipal due 1974 Rs. 74/8.
5 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1959 Rs. 88/13
6 per cent Bombay Municipal due 1954 Rs. 103/
6 per cent Municipal due 1929-49 Rs. 100.
Forward Rates.— 7 Jan. settlement 3-1/2 per cent Rupee Paper Rs. 67/14/0 5 per cent 1945/55 Rs. 101/2/0
Tone of market.—Dull.

LONDON DISCOUNTS.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

3 Months Discounts 4 13/16 per cent.
6 Months Discounts 4 3/4 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 5 per cent.
Call Money 3 per cent.
One Month 4 per cent.
Three Months 5 per cent.
Six Months 5 per cent.
Tone of Money Market:—Easy.
Imperial Bank of India Rate 7 per cent.

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SILVER.

Bombay, Dec. 20.

London Ready 22/3
London Forward 22/4
China 2/2/6 Clo. 2/2/7 Easy.
America Cent 48/6
Ready 50/10
Magsar 50/7 Clo. 50/1
Posh 50/8 Clo. 50/1/
Maha 50/9 Clo. 50/12
Tejimandi Posh /12/
Maha 1/1

GOLD.

Ready 21/9/3
Magsar 21/8/6
Posh 21/8/3
N. City 21/10/6
N. Manor 21/10/3

SUGAR MARKET REPORT.

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Bombay, Dec. 20.

Our Market has ruled steady today both in respect of Ready as well as Forward positions with the following closing quotations:—

Fine White Java Cugar:—
Ready Rs. 12/11/3 per cwt.
Transhipment Rs. 7/8 per cwt F.B.H.
S. S. Shikh Rs. 7/6/9 per cwt F.B.H.
Shipment November Rs. 7/6/9 per cwt F.B.H.
Shipment December Rs. 7/5 per cwt F.B.H.
Shipment Jan/March Rs. 7/7/9 per cwt F.B.H.
Shipment March Rs. 7/9 per cwt F.B.H.
Shipment April Rs. 7/10/3 per cwt F.B.H.
B.R.B. Beet Sugar:—Ready Rs. 12/15/6 per cwt.
Shipment Jan/March Rs. 7/10 per cwt F.B.H.
Tone.—Steady.

THE SEEDS TRADERS ASSOCIATION.

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Castorseeds Delivery May Opening Rs. 47/5 Lowest Rs. 46/12 Closing Rs. 46/14/6
Gruondnut Seeds Delivery February Opening Rs. 49/12 Lowest Rs. 49/5/6 Closing Rs. 49/9.

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Dec. 19.

Smoked Sheet, Standard, Ribbed, 1b. Spot 7-15/16d sellers. veri.

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COFFEE—NEW YORK MARKET.

New York, Dec. 19.

Coffee, Fair Rio, (No. 7 quality) Spot 9-5/8.

WHEAT—LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 19.

Rozario Santa Fe per 63 lb. Cargoes, 45/6 Loading Sellers.
Barletta Russo per 63 lb. Cargoes 45 Dec/Jan. s'ment. Sellers.
Wheat, South Australian, Parcels, 47/6 Dec/Jan. s'ment. Sellers.
Wheat, Choice White Karachi, Parcels. Nominal.

JAVA SUGAR LONDON MARKET.

London, Dec. 19.

Java Sugar Fine, White, Dutch Standard, No. 25:—
C & F Calcutta, Dec. 11 per cwt. Nominal.
Jan/March. 11/1-1/2 per cwt. Sellers.
C & F Bombay.
Jan/Mar. 11/2 3/4 per cwt Sellers.
C & F Karachi.
Jan/Mar 11/3 1/4 per cwt Sellers.

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Date.	Steamers		Tons.
1929			
		ALL	
			16,61
21 Dec.	Rawalpindi*		11,518
28 "	Kaisar-i-Hind	VESSELS	
1930			16,572
4 Jan.	Narkunda x		16,601
11 "	Ranpura ..		16,568
18 "	Rajputana*.		16,560
25 "	Ranchi ..		20,847
1 Feb.	Mooltan x ..		10,954
8 "	Morea ..		10,946
15 "	Mantua* ..	NOW SAIL	
22 "	Viceroy of India ..		19,000
			20,837
1 Mar.	Maloja x ..		11,518
8 "	Kaisar-i-Hind	DIRECT	10,002
15 "	Razmak@ ..		16,601
22 "	Ranpura ..		16,088
29 "	Naldera x ..		16,650
5 Apr.	Ranchi ..	FROM	16,619
12 "	Rawalpindi*		10,946
19 "	Morea (Extra)		10,602
19 "	Razmak ..		11,000
26 "	Malwa* ..		16,572
	Narkunda* ..	BOMBAY	
3 May	Viceroy of India ..		19,648
10 "	Rajputana* ..	WITHOUT	16,568
17 "	Kaisar-i-Hind		11,518
24 "	Mooltan x ..		20,847
31 "	Macedonia ..		11,120
7 June	Mantua ..		10,[illegible]
14 "	Comorin ..	TRAN-	10,132
21 "	Maloja ..	SHIPMENT	20,837
28 "	Razmak ..		10,657
5 July	Ranpura* ..		16,601
12 "	Malwa ..	AT	11,000
19 "	Naldera x ..		16,638
26 "	Rawalpindi ..		16,619
2nd Aug	Morea ..	ADEN	10,946
9th "	Macedonia ..		11,120
16th "	Narkunda x ..		16,678
23rd "	Razmak ..		10,[illegible]2
30th "	Rajputana ..		16,[illegible]

All sailings are subject to alteration without notice.

All passengers are required to be in possession of passports.

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Date about	Steamers	Tons
1929		
[illegible] Dec.	Dumra	8,422
1930		
[illegible]rd Apr	Dumana	8,427
[illegible]th "	Dumra	8,422

These two vessels are only one class ships. Fares as follows:—

	Single.	Return
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B	£64	£105
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

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1929		
4th Dec.	Mirzapore*	Straits China & Japan.
6th Dec.	Mooltan ..	Australia.
20th "	Mantua ..	Colombo, Straits China & Japan
*Abou[illegible] 21st "	Kidderpore*	Straits China & Japan
28th "	Hi eizan Maru*	Straits & Japan
1930		
3rd Jan.	Maloja ..	Colombo and Australia.
17th "	Macedonia ..	Colombo, Straits China & Japan.
31st "	Naldera ..	Colombo and Australia.
14th Feb.	Rawalpindi ..	Colombo, Straits China & Japan
28th "	Narkunda ..	Colombo and Australia.
28th Mar.	Mooltan ..	Colombo and Australia.
25th April	Maloja ..	Colombo and Australia.
9th May	Ranpura ..	Colombo, Straits China & Japan
23rd "	Naldera ..	Colombo and Australia.
6th June	Morea ..	Colombo, Straits, China & Japan
20th June	Narkunda ..	Colombo and Australia
4th July	Rajputana .	Colombo Straits China & Japan.
18th July	Mooltan ..	Colombo and Australia
1st Aug	Mantua ..	Colombo Straits China & Japan
15th "	Comorin ..	Colombo and Australia
29th "	Malwa ..	Colombo Straits China & Japan

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1929		
21st Dec	Chakla ..	Karachi via Porebunder Dwarka and O' Mandvi.
23rd Dec.	Vita ..	Karachi via Porebunder, P'Okha & O'Mandvi,
25th Dec.	Bankura ..	Basrah via Veraval, Mangalore Karachi and Persian G.Ports.
27th "	Vasna ..	Basrah via Karachi
1930		
1st Jan.	Karagola .	East & South Africa.
17th Jan.	Ellora ..	Mombasa and Zanzibar.

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Sado Maru ..	5898	30 Dec	13 Jan.
Tasmania Maru ..	4105	2 Jan.	15 "
Kamo Maru ..	8000	— —	@ 22 "
Tottori Maru ..	5973	15 Jan.	25 Jan.
Yoneyama Maru	5274	19 Jan.	31 "
Nagano Maru ..	3824	25 "	6 Feb.

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@From Colombo.

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Suwa Maru ..	11000	9 Jan.	26 Jan.
Fushimi Maru ..	11000	23 Jan.	9 Feb.

FROM ORIENT TO SAN FRANCISCO.

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		Maidan	
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PUBLIC NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE MILITARY SECRETARY TO THE VICEROY.

NOTIFICATION.

New Delhi, the 30th November 1929

No. 5456-M.—His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor-General will hold a Levee in Government House, Bombay, at 9-30 p.m., on Wednesday, the 15th January, 1930.

The following rules are published for general information:—

I.—The undermentioned are entitled to attend His Excellency's Levee:—

(a) Ruling Princes and Chiefs

(b) Gentlemen who have been presented at the Court of St. James or at the Viceregal Court.

Gentlemen, as above, are invited to attend the Levee. They should make their applications for tickets to the Military Secretary to the Viceroy, at Viceregal Lodge, Delhi, up to the 10th December 1929 and thereafter c/o the Military Secretary to the Governor, Bombay, up to the 31st idem, stating at which Court they were presented and, if possible, by whom presented, and the year of presentation. 'This applies to both the Private and Public Entrees.' Applications received after the 31st December will not be considered.

Note.—'Gentlemen who had intended to be present but were unable to attend the Levee should submit an explanatory letter to the Military Secretary to His Excellency the Viceroy before, or, as soon as possible, after the Levee.'

II.—The undermentioned are eligible for presentation at His Excellency's Levee:—

(a) All gentlemen who hold a position in the Warrant of Precedence, and those who have been given courtesy rank in it for Viceregal entertainments.

(b) All members of the Imperial Services.

(c) All other civil gazetted officers of the first grade and others at the discretion of His Excellency the Viceroy.

(d) Officers holding His Majesty's or His Excellency the Viceroy's Commission in the Royal Navy, Army (British and Indian), Royal Air Force and Royal Indian Marine.

(e) Gentlemen who have retired from service and would have been eligible under (a), (b), (c) or (d), if they were still in service.

(f) Assistant Secretaries to Local Governments.

(g) Gentlemen, who have received titles of honour from His Majesty the King-Emperor or His Excellency the Viceroy.

(h) Provincial Durbaris.

(i) Gentlemen, professional gentlemen and gentlemen engaged in business, and members of the Trades and Motor Trades Associations, who are proprietors or heads of the principal 'retail' firms.

The above will be presented by gentlemen who have had the honour of presentation at the Court of St. James or at the Viceregal Court.

Gentlemen who present others must themselves attend the Levee.

Gentlemen who propose, and are entitled to present others, should apply to the Military Secretary to the Viceroy for a form of presentation which, after the necessary particulars have been entered, should be returned to the Military Secretary's Office addressed as in paragraph I above, 'not later than the 31st December 1929', for submission to His Excellency the Viceroy, when, if approved, tickets of admission will be issued to the presentor.

Note.—'No action will be taken on applications received direct by the Military Secretary to the Viceroy from gentlemen who wish to be presented. Their names must be forwarded by the gentlemen who wish to make the presentations'.

III—The presentors must be:—

(a) For Civil Officers, the Head of the Department;

(b) For Military Officers and Royal Air Force Officers, the General Officer Commanding, Bombay District;

(c) For Naval Officers, the Senior Naval Officer;

(d) For Royal Indian Marine Officers, the Flag Officer Commanding and Director, Royal Indian Marine; and

(e) For gentlemen engaged in business, the Head of the Firm.

IV.—Admission to 'Government House' will be by ticket only.

V.—Dress:—

(a) Members of Executive Councils and Ministers.—Levee Dress or the alternative official dress approved for them.

(b) Civil and Military Officers.—Levee Dress. Service Dress may be worn by those Military Officers not in possession of Levee Dress. (Cocked hats and helmets should not be taken to the (Levee).

(c) Clergymen, being University graduates, and other gentlemen entitled to wear robes or gowns on account of Judicial or Academical office or status and not entitled to wear uniform, will appear in such robes or gowns

(d) Gentlemen not entitled to wear uniform, or robes or gowns, will appear in full Court Dress, or the alternative court dress or evening dress.

The alternative court dress is:—

An ordinary black evening Dress Coat; white Evening Dress waistcoat; breeches of plain black evening dress material or stockinet, with three small black cloth or silk buttons, and small jet or black buckles at the knee; black silk hose; plain court shoes with bows, no buckles: white evening dress bow necktie.

The evening dress is:—Trousers; tail coat; white tie; black waistcoat; patent leather Oxford shoes, or pumps.

(e) Indian gentlemen who do not appear in the dress prescribed above will wear Choga, Aba or Jubba and Chapkan, Chilta, Saya or Kaba with trousers and their distinctive national head dress, or the ceremonial dress approved for the class by the Local Government.

(f) In the case of Bengali gentlemen the head dress should be a Pugree generally known as Shamla or Mouratta, and not a brimless cap.

(g) In the case of Burmese gentlemen the head dress should be a white fillet, the hair being dressed in a top knot.

(h) Indian gentlemen who do not appear in the dress prescribed in (b), (c) or (d) should not remove their head dress when they pass His Excellency.

(i) Medals.—Miniature medals should be worn with evening dress and court dress. Orders, decorations and medals should be worn with Levee Dress and service dress.

At the Viceregal Court only patent leather boots or shoes of an English pattern are allowed to be worn, except in the case of Indian Military Officers who wear the particular style of boot or shoe which forms part of their uniform.

Note:—Envelopes of all letters in connection with the Levee should be marked 'Levee'.

By Command,
C. O. HARVEY, Lieut.-Colonel,
Military Secretary to the
Viceroy.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED by the Master, Security Printing, India, Nasik Road, for permission to tender for building work near Nasik Road Station, G. I. P. Railway, to the approximate value of Rs. 1,00,000.

The work consists of the construction of 1st and 2nd grade Indian quarters for the Currency Note Press in rubble stone masonry with Mangalore tile roofing, and includes all woodwork and sanitary and water supply fittings.

Those desiring to tender should submit their applications in writing together with a deposit of currency notes, or a money order to the value of Rs. 10, so as to reach the Master, Security Printing, India, Currency Note Press, Nasik Road, G. I. P. Railway, not later than 12 noon (S. T.), 31st December, 1929. Applicants must state what lists of Government contractors they are on, and give evidence of their ability to perform the work quickly and satisfactorily, and of their financial standing.

From among the applicants, the Master will select a maximum of twelve whom he considers most suitable to be entrusted with the work, and to them will be supplied conditions of contract, tender forms and the necessary drawings. The deposit of Rs. 10 will be credited as the cost of these.

The deposit of Rs. 10 will be returned to those applicants who are not selected to tender for the work.

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BROACH ELECTRIC SUPPLY AND DEV. CORP., LTD.

NOTICE OF THE SEVENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 7th ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 36th Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 30th December, 1929, at 4 p.m. (S. T.), to receive and adopt the Audited Statements of Accounts for the period ending 30th June, 1929, to declare Dividend, to appoint Auditors, etc.

By Order of the Board,
CHUNILAL & CO.,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, 21st December, 1929.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd December, 1929, to 3rd January, 1930.

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THE JUPITER GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD

EWART HOUSE, TAMARIND LANE, FORT, BOMBAY.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the 11TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company held on MONDAY, the 16th December, 1929, a dividend of 8 annas per share on Ordinary Shares and at the rate of 6-1/2 per cent on Preference Shares has been declared payable on and after the 10th of February, 1930 to those shareholders whose names stood in the Register of the Company on the 11th December, 1929.

Shareholders will kindly notify any change of address

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

CHRISTMAS TRAFFIC, 1929

This Railway will run additional trains as follows:—

COLABA TO AHMEDABAD.—If sufficient passengers are booked, a duplicate 1 Down Gujarat Mail will run from Colaba on SATURDAY, 21ST, and MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1929. Departure 8-45 p.m. from Colaba halting at same stations as Gujarat Mail except at Grant Road and Dadar.

COLABA TO SURAT.—SATURDAY, 21ST, and MONDAY, 23RD DECEMBER, 1929. Departure 9-40 p.m. from Colaba stopping at 7 Down Passenger stopping stations.

SURAT TO COLABA.—WEDNESDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1930. Departure 1 p.m. and 8-50 p.m. halting at important stations.

For further details, apply to Station Masters or to the undersigned's Office.

H. P. BALL,
General Traffic Manager.
General Traffic Manager's Office,
Bombay, 19th December, 1929.

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TENDERS.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

TENDER FOR THE SUPPLY OF BURMA TEAK SQUARES, BURMA TEAK BOARDS, INDIAN TEAK LOGS, TIMBERS OTHER THAN TEAK AND INDIGENOUS HARDWOOD BOARDS FOR FLOORING OF RAILWAY WAGONS.

THE AGENT, G. I. P. Railway, Victoria Terminus, Bombay, invites tenders for the supply of the above-mentioned timber for the year commencing 1st April, 1930.

The prescribed form of tender with conditions on which tender will be received and specifications can be obtained from the Railway's Chief Mechanical Engineer, Parel, Bombay, on payment of Rs. 3 per copy, which amount will not be refunded.

Tenders must be submitted on the prescribed form and the envelopes enclosing them must be sealed and endorsed "Tenders for the supply of timber during the year 1930-31. Tenders not complying with these conditions will not be considered.

Tenders will be received at the Agent's Office up to 3 p.m. (S. T.) on WEDNESDAY, 29th January, 1930.

The results of the tender will be published in the "Indian Trade Journal".

D. S. BURN.
Agent,
G. I. P. Railway.

Bombay, 13-12-1929.

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THE DHARAMSI MORARJI CHEMICAL CO., LTD.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the NINTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office, Sudama House, Sprott Road, Ballard Estate, Fort, Bombay, on MONDAY, the 30th day of December, 1929, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.) to transact the following business:—

(1) To receive and adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts as at 31st December, 1928.

(2) To elect Directors in the place of those who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.

(3) To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.

(4) To transact any other business the chairman may bring before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 13th day of December, 1929 to the 4th day of January 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
DHARAMSI MORARJI & CO.,
Agents.

Sudama House, Ballard Estate,
Fort,
Bombay, 12th December, 1929.

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NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY REQUESTED to notify immediately to the nearest Municipal Ward Office other than that of the Assessor and Collector, any nuisance such as overflowing of cesspools, surcharging of sewers, leaking of pipes, accumulation of kutchra, etc., whenever noticed by them or any complaint they may have to make in regard to any nuisance or inconvenience with a view to the early removal of the nuisance or disposal of the complaint.

Addresses of the important offices in each ward can be found in the Telephone Directory under the heading "Municipality of Bombay."

A. R. DALAL.
Municipal Commissioner.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GANGADAS MOTILAL, of Bombay Hindu Inhabitant, as the sole surviving Trustee of a Deed of Trust, dated the 15th day of December, 1911, made between Bai MANECK, widow of Motilal Jugmohandas of the one part and the said Bai Maneck, Motilal Jugaldas and the said Gangadas Motilal of the other part has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust; maintenance, easement, or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office at No. 15, Military Square Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of quit-and ground rent land or ground together with the messuage tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being in Cawasji Patel Street in Nowrojee Sheth's Pole in the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement (238) two hundred and thirty-eight square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 201, New No. 5062, Old Survey No. 1319 and New Survey No. 9380 and Cadastral Survey No. 466, Fort Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the property of Hassonally Abdulally Paperwala, on or towards the West by Banaji's Fire Temple, on or towards the North partly by the property of Abdulhussein Mahomed Ally and partly by the property of Dorabji Dossabhai Bhiwandiwalla and on or towards the South partly by the property of Haji Alimahomed Valimahomed Tarsaiwalla and partly by the property of Meherbai Rustomji Patel and which said premises are assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under A Ward No. 1491 Street Nos. 88B.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1929.

MAHOMED ALI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. E. H. CURLING and A. D. MOWJI, Joint Receivers, appointed by the High Court in Suit No. 1968 of 1927 (Lloyds Bank Limited vs. Mulji Haridas and others) have pursuant to the power given to them by the Consent Decree made in the above Suit on the 11th day of June, 1928, contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim in or to the said property or any part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lease, lien, easement or otherwise is hereby required to make the same known in writing to us in our office No. 14 K, Hummum Street, Fort, Bombay, and to the Assessor of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land or ground of the Quit and Ground Rent Tenure (since redeemed) together with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being on the South side of Janjikar Street (formerly known as Shaikhally Janjikar Street or Bhandarwada Road) without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement One hundred and eighty-three sq. yds. (according to the Cadastral Survey Register One hundred and eighty square yards) and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 550, New Nos. 6202, 6203, Old Survey Nos. 776 and 777 and New Survey Nos. 2370, 2371, Cadastral Survey No. 168 of the Mandvi Division and bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by the property formerly of Jaikisondas Gangadas and now of Thakar Virji Dayal, on or towards the West by a Halalkhore's passage and beyond that by the property formerly of Shaikh Kader bin Sahib Lal and now of Ebrahim Dada, on or towards the North by the said Janjikar Street and on or towards the South partly by a passage and partly by a Mahomedan mosque which said premises are assessed by the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under B Ward Nos. 1846, 1847 and formerly under Street Nos. 271, 273 and now under Street Nos. 73, 75 and 77, Janjikar Street and were formerly in the possession of the said Mulji Haridas and were occupied by his tenants and are now in the possession of the Vendors and are occupied by their tenants.

Dated this 18th day of December, 1929.

MERWANJI KOLA & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

Testamentary And Intestate Jurisdiction.

GEORGE V, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions, beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Letters of Administration of the property and credits of RATILAL CHHOTALAL SHAH, also known as RATILAL CHHOTALAL, late of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, a Clerk, residing at Wallace Flour Mills, Chikalwadi, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Deceased.

BHAIDAS RATILAL SHAH, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, the son of the deceased abovenamed, a Clerk, residing at Wallace Flour Mills, Chikalwadi, without the Fort of Bombay ..... Petitioner.

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the Proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Letters of Administration.

Witness Sir AMBERSON BARRINGTON MARTEN, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay, aforesaid, this Eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine and in the twentieth year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary
and Senior Master,

E. FAHEY.

The 18th day of December, 1929.

Messrs. JAGMOHANDAS GORDHANDAS & FOZDAR,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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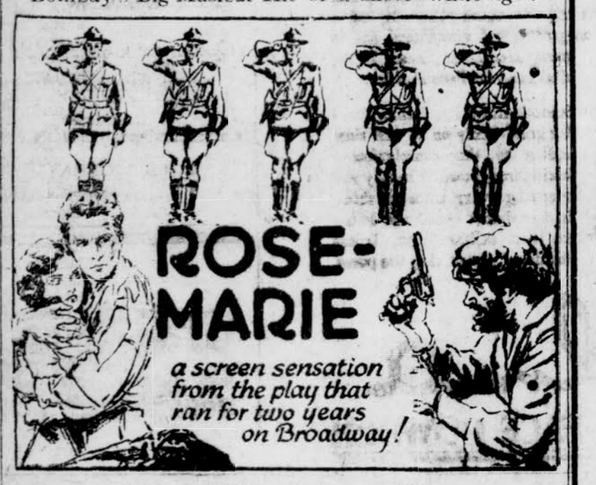

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LEGAL NOTICES.

NOTICE.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY.

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION.

Suit No. 1333 of 1929.

(1.) GULRAJ HURNARAYAN. (2.) GHANSHYAMDAS RAMKUMAR, both doing business in Bombay as Commission Agents Bankers and Shroffs in the name of Gulraj Ghanshyamdas having their Pedhi at Kalbadevi Road, outside the Fort of Bombay by means of their Munim Chhotalal Nathuram. Plaintiffs.

Versus.

(1.) SARASWATIBAI, widow of Kamakchhaprasad, (2) NANDKISHORE RAMESHWAR PRASAD, (3.) BIHARILAL (Father's name not known), (4.) PUSALAL, KHATRI, (5.) BRIJKISHORE (Father's name not known) and (6.) MADANMOHAN SHUKLA, son of Brahmanand, all doing business in the name of Putulal Kamakchhaprasad at Farukhabad U. P. Defendants.

To

SARASWATIBAI, widow of Kamachhaprasad.
NANDKISHORE RAMESHWAR-PRASAD,
BIHARILAL (Faher's name not known).
PUSALAL KHATRI.
BRIJKISHORE (Father's name not known).
and
MADANMOHAN SHUKLA, son of Brahmanand,.
The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th Defendants abovenamed.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Plaintiffs abovenamed have filed this suit against you to recover the sum of Rupees 3,040-4-6 with interest on Rs. 2,912-3-3 at 7½ per cent. per annum from the 29th day of May, 1929, till Judgment, as per particulars annexed to the Plaint, costs of the suit and further interest on Judgment at 6 per cent. per annum till payment and you are hereby Summoned to appear in this Court on the 29th day of January, 1930, at 11 O'clock (S.T.) in the forenoon in person or by an Advocate duly instructed by an Attorney of this Honourable Court, and as the day fixed for your appearance is appointed for the final disposal of the suit, you are hereby required to take Notice that in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Dated this 19th day of December, 1929

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Plaintiffs' Attorneys.

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NOTICE TO RESPONDENT OF THE DAY FIXED FOR THE HEARING OF THE APPEAL.

(Sections 550 and 553 of the Code of Civil Procedure.)

In the Court of L. Middleton, Esquire, I.C.S., District Judge at Delhi.

Firm SITA RAM KIDAR NATH, of Delhi .... Appellant.

versus

Firm BHOLU RAM SHEO RAM DAS, etc. .. Respondents.

Appeal from the decree of the Court of S. Mohammad Abdullah, Sub-Judge, 2nd Class, Delhi, dated the 1st day of July, 1929.

To

(1) KUNDAL LAL, s/o Ram Narain, (2) JAGAN NATH, Respondent, s/o Ram Narain, (3) GOPAL RAM, s/o Pat Ram, (4) PANNA LAL, s/o Gopal Ram, residents of Bara Dwar, District Bilaspur.

TAKE NOTICE that an appeal from the decree of S. Mohammad Abdullah, Sub-Judge, 2nd Class, Delhi, dated 1-7-29, in this case, has been presented by Firm Sita Ram Kidar Nath and registered in this Court, and that the 7th day of February, 1930, has been fixed by this Court for the hearing of this appeal.

If no appearance is made on your behalf by yourself, your pleader, or by some one by law authorized to act for you in this appeal, it will be heard and decided ex-parte in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 9th day of December, 1929.

SHAM LAL,
for District Judge,
Delhi.

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AUCTION SALES.

MESSRS. BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE PIECES OF VACANT LAND AT BANDRA, NEAR MOUNT MARY'S ORPHANAGE.

Under the instructions from N. H. Moos, Esq., the Receiver appointed in suit No. 13 of 1925 (Bai Fatmabai, widow of Esmailji Mulla Vallibhoy and others vs Mahomedibhai Mulla Esmailji) and with the consent of Mr. Abdullabhai Faizullabhai and pursuant to the directions contained in the Judges' Order dated the 14th December 1928, Messrs. BENNETT & CO., will (TO-MORROW) SUNDAY, the 22nd instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

FIRSTLY.—All that piece of land situate at Bandra, admeasuring about 14390 1/2 square yards, bearing Collector's Old Survey No. 280 Pot No. 1 Entry No. C1732, D338, Survey No. 281, Pot No. 2 Entry No. 1796, Pot No. 8, Entry No. 1799, Pot No. 8, Entry No. 1801, Pot Nos. 15, 16, Entry No. 1806 and bounded on the North by the properties of Pestonji Dadabhoy, Pascol Andrade Lewis George Musquto De Monte Patel and Phillip Pereira, on the East partly by land belonging to the Mount Mary's Orphanage and partly by a public passage, on the South by the property of Enoos Koley and on the West partly by the property of De Monte and partly by the property of George Stephens.

SECONDLY—All that piece of Varkas land situate at Bandra, admeasuring about 112 feet from East to West and 52 feet from North to South, bearing Survey No. 280 and bounded on the North by the property of Manaji Adarji, on the South by the property firstly herein above decribed on the West by the property of Phillip Francis Patel and on the East by the property of Jai Antone Pereira.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Amarchand and Mangaldas, Attorneys for the Receiver or to the undersigned.

AUCTION SALE OF PROPERTY (GODOWNS), AT ELPHINSTONE ESTATE AND AHMEDABAD STREET.

Under instructions from N. H. Moos, Esq., the Receiver, appointed in Suit No. 725 of 1925 (N. H. Moos vs. Ebrahim Heptulla and another) Messrs. BENNETT & CO. will on FRIDAY, the 27th instant, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), sell by Public Auction on the premises:—

(1) A godown on Port Trust land Plot No. 62, Elphinstone Estate and Ahmedabad Street, area about 272 4/9 square yards.

(2) A godown on Port Trust land Plot No. 69, Elphinstone Estate and Ahmedabad Street, area about 265 2/9 square yards.

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What the People Say

CINEMAS AND THEIR PATRONS.

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To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—Will you permit me to protest, through your columns, against the lack of consideration which the management of some of the public places of entertainment show towards the public?

As a cinema fan I have very wide, general experience of this, but a recent instance beats the record of what I have been enabled to observe so far. I desire to quote it, moreover, because it is typical of an attitude that injures the interests not only of the cinema house proprietors but those of the producers of pictures as well:—

Last week, I paid a visit to the Cinema Majestic where an interesting and well-produced picture is being shown. I liked the picture very much, but found its effect spoilt by the speed at which it was being run—the operator's fault. I duly called the attention of a member of the management to this fact with a request that the defect be remedied. But to my utter amazement, I found that my complaint was not paid heed to. This attitude seems to me to be unfair to everybody concerned and should be changed by the management if they had had any value for the reputation of their house.

The cinema-goers certainly possess certain rights in the matter of common decencies in regard to their comfort and these do not admit of the kind of moral "rough-housing" to which they are frequently subjected.—Yours, etc.,

D. C. GURJAR.

Bombay, Dec. 18.

MUSLIMS AND THE CONGRESS.

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To the Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir,—It is gratifying to note that out of 26 delegates elected to the Congress by the Lahore Congress Committee, 22 are Mahomedans. This clearly goes to show that the unpatriotic talk of boycotting the Congress has fallen flat upon the saner section of the Mahomedan community and that they have refused to be played into the hands of the reactionary Communalists.

In a clarion call to the Mahomedan youths of Punjab, Maulana Zafarali Khan very rightly observes that Islam and slavery are inconsistent. He, therefore, appeals to them to first break the chains of slavery and then talk of rights and reservation of seats. Will the Mahomedans of this Presidency take to heart this saner counsel of the learned Maulana and join the Congress in their thousands?—Yours, etc.,

R. D. BALIWALA.

ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE.

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Hindu Association Social Gathering.

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—It was really with a great surprise that I read the report of your correspondent on St. Xaviers' College Hindu Association gathering in your yesterday's issue. Till yesterday morn I was of opinion that nobody from the gathering must have gone home dissatisfied, but your correspondent has broken my fancy. I really can't understand on what canons he measures the success of a performance. No doubt his opinion on the scene of "Amin Ookhabhai Commission" is partly correct, but when you find even professionls in Gujarati dramas overacting their parts, what more can you expect from the amateurs? Moreover his opinion on 'Garba' is quite untrue, if he says that it was a failure. On the contrary it was so artistically done that the whole audience was really charmed except perhaps a few and cheered it so much that they were compelled to perform it again. No doubt there was a lack of enthusiam and reservedness among a few ladies but that was simply because some of them were Deccani girls clad in Gujrati Saris, who were feeling shy for the change. Then your correspondent in his hurry to speak of the last item has passed over the chief item of the day viz, that of the "Scavenger's Wife." I would have been really glad to read his opinion on that. No doubt a few items were not quite upto the standard but that was simply due to the shyness of the ladies, who were all in all there. But it was a greater success than the last years' peformance and especially the ironical speech of Mr. Bhula bhai Desai was very fascinating.—Yours, etc.

A DESAI.

PARSIS AND THE CONFERENCE.

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To The Editor of the "Chronicle."

Sir,—Following in the footsteps of Bombay Liberals a handful of Parsis are sending messages to the authorities expressing satisfaction at the Viceregal Announcement and unconditionaly accepting the offer of a Round Table Conference. As these messages of assurance are wholly unauthorised and are likely to misrepresent the opinion of the Parsi community in the matter I beg to suggest that Parsi Nationalists, Messrs. Nariman and Bharucha should convene a public meeting of the Parsis to ascertain their views. No Parsi, worth his salt, can ever think of betraying his country by unconditionally surrendering to the bureaucracy when hundreds of promising youths are rotting in Indian jails for the offence of patriotism.—Yours, etc.

R. D. BALIWALA.

Bandra Dec. 1.

CHRISTMAS IN POONA.

—:o:—

Educational Inspector C. D.

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, Dec. 19.

Poona is a lovely place from climatic point of view, especially in October, November, December and first half of January. The X'mas in Poona is well-known all over the Presidency. People from various parts of the Presidency come here every year to enjoy their Christmas. The Poona roads especially main and East Streets, Arsenal and Wellesseley Roads are attractive owing to the X'mas displays in the shops all around. As regards places of amusements, Poona is not backward in comparsion with Bombay. We have more than half a dozen Picture Houses and half a dozen theatres also. Besides good hotels we have also luxurious restaurants. Every community in Poona has its own clubs and Gymkhanas' In short Poona is a place for amusement and —enjoyment as well as the best place for education in India.

EDUCATIONAL INSPECTOR. C.D.

Poona Muslims in paricular and other communities in general are really very sorry to lose a good friend like Mr. J. S. Kadri, the present Educational Inspector, C.D., who is shortly to retire from service. Mr. Kadri is very impartial and a very hard working man. In a very short time he showed to the public that the schools which were really sinking were revived and to-day your correspondent can emphatically say they "are going very strong."

No one knows who is going to be his successor in his office and the Muslims of Poona in particular are particularly interested as to who the successor will be, speculations have occupied the minds of the Muslims but all of them have the unanimous opinion that Mr. B. H. Kazi, the present Superintendent, Reformatory School, Yeravda Poona, is the suitable man for the post. Mr. B. H. Kazi is a well-known personality in the Central Division of the Bombay Presidency and a very experienced educationist. He has worked as a Head Master of the Government High School at Dhulia, also he has worked as a Professor in the Raj Kumar College. He was the first Deputy Educational Inspector for Urdu Schools, C. D. He is a scholar of Urdu, Persian and Arabic. He has command over Marathi and Gujrati. He is a good writer and an effective speaker. Your correspondent can emphatically say that Government will not be able to get abetter man than the Kazi Sahib. The present Minister of Education knows all these good qualities of the Kazi Sahib and the Musalmans of Poona will be thankful to Mr. Lory, the Director of Public Instruction, if he will recommend the appointment of Mr. B. H. Kazi as the Educational Inspector of Schools, C. D. before he leaves the shores of Bombay.

AMNESTY TO MOPLAH PRISONERS.

H. E. the Viceroy of India has invited Mahatma Gandhi and other leaders to talk with them about the Round Table Conference regarding the Dominion Status for India. The leading Muslims of Poona have issued the following statement for the information of the Indians who are holding a Conference with H. E. the Viceroy:—

The Moplah prisoners are in jails and have been transported for life to the Andamans. Musalmans demand their release along with the other political prisoners and request the Viceroy earnestly to release them otherwise the Musalmans can not rejoice without them in celebrating India's freedom.

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TO-DAY.

Public meeting to welcome Mrs. Naidu, Mr. J. M. Mehta presiding, Peoples Jinnah Hall, 6 p.m. (S. T.).

The s.s. "Rawalpindi" sails with the homeward mails, at 1 p.m.

Bombay Races, Winter Meeting, 5th day, First race start at 1-15 p.m.

Dr. Dave's lecture on "Influence of French Symbolism", University Lecture Theatre, 6 p.m.

MONDAY, December 23.

Bombay Provincial Banking Inquiry Committee, Legislative Council Building, 11 a.m.

First M. B. B. S. Examination Results, University Hall, 2 p.m.

Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p.m.

Public meeting to celebrate anniversaries of Shraddhanandji and Hakim Ajmal Khan, Jinnan Hall, 6 p.m.

SARASWAT CLUB, SANTA CRUZ.—The programme of sports on Sunday is as follows:—5 Miles Flat race for Seniors, 5 Miles Flat race for Juniors at 6 a.m. Cutting and Sewing for Ladies 3 p.m.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.—The O. S. K. steamer "Ganges Maru" left Colombo for Bombay on December 19 and is due to arrive in Bombay at daylight on the 23rd December.

ART GALLERY AT FELLOWSHIP SCHOOL.—At the request of friends the Followship School keeps its Art Gallery (children's work) open to-day (Saturday), and to-morrow (Sunday), between 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

YOGA DISCOURSES.—Swami Sambudhananda of Sri Ramkrishna Mission, Khar, will conduct a public class on Raja Yoga in English at Batliboy's Commerical Institute Hall, Yusuf Building, Churchgate Street, to-day (Saturday), at 3-30 p.m. (S. T.).

S. K. P. ATHLETIC CLUB.—The Prize distribution of the Indoor games Tournaments of the above Club will be held in Club's premises to-day (Saturday), at 6-0 p.m. when Prof. K. B. Padate will preside.

"RASA-MANDAL" SPECIAL EXHIBITION.—An exhibition of Paintings by Manindra Gupta will be held at the Blavatsky Lodge, Theosophical Hall, Chaupati, to-day (Saturday), and to-morrow (Sunday). Time: 9 to 12 a.m. and 3 to 6 p.m.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.—To-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the Israelite School, Mazagaon, Mr. Jacob Mordecai will have a talk with the Israelite School Maccabeans on the importance of Physical Culture.

MANDVI DISTRICT CONGRESS COMMITTEE.—A public meeting of the Congress members from Mandvi Ward Congress Committee will be held at 6 p.m. (S. T.), to-day (Saturday), at Swadesh Office, Musjid Bunder Road, to elect Office Bearers and Council Members for Mandvi, D. C. C.

SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE, BOMBAY.—The annual general meeting of the League, which will be held to-day (Saturday), at 5-30 p.m. (S. T.), at the Hall of the Servants of India Society's Home, Girgaum.

KANARA SARASWAT ASSOCIATION.—Mr. G. Annaji Rao, M.A., B.L., will deliver a lecture on "Proverbs in use among Saraswats" to-day (Saturday), at 5 p.m. (S. T.), in the Association Hall, Alexandra Road, Gamdevi, Bombay.

ALL-INDIA WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.—A meeting of the Members of the Reception Committee formed in connection with the All-India Women's Conference will be held at Seva Sadan, at 4-30 p.m. (S. T.), to-day (Saturday). The Agenda is as under:—(1.) Election of Chairman of the Reception Committee; (2.) Election of ten delegates to the All-India Women's Conference; and (3.) Appointment of a Working Committee. Lady Tata has kindly consented to preside.

B. P. ANDHRA SOCIAL CONFERENCE.—Sjt. G. Harisarvottamrao, M.A., M. L. C. will preside at the sessions of the Second Bombay Provincial Andhra Social Conference which holds its sessions at the Vanita Vishram Hall Bombay, to-day (Saturday) and to-morrow (Sunday), when the Kalyan Andhras will present a welcome address in Telugu to the President in token of his valuable services to the country in general and to the Andhras in particular.

AMBULANCE CORPS PARADE.—A special parade of the Bombay Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas, No. 3, District to-day (Saturday), at 5-0 p.m. on the ground of the Bombay Town Hall for the inspection by Miss Norah Hill, General Secretary, St. John Ambulance Association.

NEW AIR-MAIL STAMP.—A Postal notice issued by the G. P. O., Bombay, states:—A new air-mail stamp of a two anna denomination in Blue-green to be used only on Inland air mail articles for transmission by the Indian State Air Service between Karachi and Delhi which is shortly to be inaugurated is now available for sale.

ENGLISH MAIL STEAMERS.—The P. & O. Mail steamer "Naldera" with the Mails from Bombay of 7th instant arrived at Marseilles at 7 a.m. on the 20th instant. Passengers travelling by the P. & O. Special Train were due to arrive in London on Saturday afternoon. The Mails left by the Mail Special and would be delivered in London on Sunday morning.

THE "YOUNG LIBERATOR."—The Congress Number of the "Young Liberator" will be published on Sunday. It contains a beautiful photo of Pandit Jawaharlal as frontispiece. Among many interesting articles are the "Dawn of a New Social Order" by Mr. Mehta; "The Economic aspect of the new struggle" by P. N. Walker; and the "Damned Agitator" by Machael Gold, America.

POSTAL NOTICES.—Superscribed Mails for Straits, China and Japan per s.s. "Kidderpore" will be closed at the General Post Office at 9-0 a.m. on Saturday, the 21st instant.

Mails from Australia via Dhanushkodi for Bombay are due here on Sunday, the 22nd instant.

Superscribed Mails for Singapore, and Japan per s.s. "Shinnoh Maru" will be closed at the General Post Office at 11-30 a.m. on Sunday, the 22nd instant.

SWAMI SHRADHANAND AND HAKIM AJMAL KHAN ANNIVERSARIES.—Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee, a public meeting will be held on Monday (the 23rd inst.), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the People's Jinnah Hall to celebrate the Anniversaries of late Swami Shradhanand and Hakim Ajmal Khan, when Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside and Messrs. Jaisukhlal K. Mehta, B. G. Kher, Ali Bahadur Khan and P. R. Lele will speak.

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION LECTURES.—Dr. M. J. Dave, will deliver the sixth and concluding lecture of his course of University Extension Lectures on French Symbolism in the Lecture Theatre of the University Buildings, South Block, (opposite Mahendra Mansions), Fuller Road, to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. The subject of the Lecture is "Influence of French Symbolism on several literary movements in France and on the other literatures of Europe". The lecture is open to the public.

WELCOME TO MRS. SAROJINI NAIDU.

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To-day's Pubsic Meeting.

Under the auspices of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee a public meeting will be held to-day (Saturday), at 6 p.m. (S. T.), at the People's Jinnah Hall to accord welcome to Mrs. Sarojini Naidu on her return from East Africa. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta will preside. Messrs. K. F. Nariman, Mahomed Ali, Purshottam Tricamdas and D. R. Gharpure will be amongst the speakers.

DEPRESSED CLASSES OF GUJERAT.

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Representation In R. T. Conference Urged.

At a public mass meeting of the Depressed classes of Gujarat held under the auspices of Shree Dalit Gujarat Mahasabha in the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall on Monday night under the presidentship of Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole, the following resolutions were passed unanimously:—

This public meeting of the Gujarat Depressed Classes assembled in the Cowasji Jehangir Hall, resolves that:

(1) It is highly desirable and in the fitness of time that one able and learned representative, who knows law and politics, from among the Depressed classes of the Bombay Presidency should represent the cause of this people at the Round Table Conference to be held very shortly in London. This public meeting unanimously proposes the name of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar to the Government of India, the Secretary of State and His Imperial Majesty. This meeting firmly believe and hope that Dr. Ambedkar will be selected by the Government for the Round Table Conference.

(2) That the term applied to the majority community of this classes known hitherto as "Dhed" is highly objectionable and contemptible in the sight and opinion of these classes, and with one voice condemns the use of this name for the particular major community and request the Government of India, the Secretary of State, and the Bombay Government to issue orders to the heads of the various Government departments and offices such as Revenue, Educational, Police, and all other various Government offices, that henceforth the name or nomenclature of the community should be "Vankar", and the Dhed community throughout Gujarat should be entered in all the 'daftars' or books of the Government, in future as "Vankars" and to take measures to issue orders to the Census Officers in the forthcoming Census in 1931, to return this class as Vankar, and the term Dhed should no longer exist.

TEMPLE ENTRY.

(3) This meeting congratulates Shri Jamnalal Bajaj, Mahatma Gandhiji, Seth Ghanshiamdas Birla, Mr. M. R. Jayakar and other justice-loving, patriotic and sincere Hindus, who have exerted their influence, and are exerting influence even now, to throw open the doors of the Hindu temples, in Bombay, Jubbulpore and elsewhere. This Sabha earnestly hopes that these gentlemen will not spare any efforts to persuade and bring round the Conservative members of the Hindu community at large to view this question of Temple-entry with an eye of justice, fraternity and equality, among men to men in the Hindu Society, and to remove old superstitions and customs which have split up the vast Hindu Society into small fragments and into "Touchables" and "Untouchables" and thus brought on ruin and degeneration of the Hindu population in general.

(4) This public meeting strongly condemns the attitude of the orthodox Hindus and the Sanatanis of Poona City, who are making a move to put obstacles in the way of the Satyagrahis of Poona in the Temple-entry question, and the attitude adopted by them against the Anti-Untouchability Bill to be introduced in the Assembly by Mr. M. R. Jayakar.

The fifth resolutuion condemned the action of mischief-mongers and affirmed that Dr. P. G. Solanki "is the accredited leader of various castes of Gujerati Depressed Classes. The last resolution stated that henceforth all interests of the Depressed Classes of Gujarat will be safeguarded by "Shree Gujarat Dalit Mahasabha" and will act in conjunction with "Bahishkrit Bharat Samaj Sevac Sangh", and such other associations whenver it will be necessary to the interests of the Gujarat Depressed Classes, and that the meeting "does not recognise the All-India Depressed Association, Bombay Branch and its workers."

DRAFT CONVENTION FOR TARIFF TRUCE.

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Participants In Preliminery Conference.

LONDON, Dec. 20.

Geneva.—The Governments of India, Australia and South Africa have expressed their inability to participate in the preliminary Conference of delegates to discuss the preliminary draft convention for the conclusion of a tariff truce drawn up by the Committee of League of Nations.—Reuter.

BANKING HABIT IN INDIA.

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Why Capital Is Shy?

EVIDENCE BEFORE INQUIRY COMMITTEE.

Resuming their sitting on Friday at the Council Hall, the Bombay Provincial Banking Enquiry Committee examined orally Mr. M. L. Dahanukar, representative of the Maharashtra Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by Mr. S. H. Lele.

Mr. Dahanukar, in his evidence, stated that the industrialisation of India had no doubt begun and the static character of the society was undergoing change. But the movement was slow. The problem of the rural finance was an important one. The average annual rural financial requirements of a district were put at about Rs. 2,50,00,000 by an experienced district officer, the calculation being made at the rate of Rs. 30 per capita.

CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT TOUCHES ONLY A FRINGE.

Proceeding the witness said the co-operative societies might be meeting at present about 50 per cent. needs of agriculturists who had joined them. This finance must be prompt and adequate if it was to be fruitful. Nearly 80 per cent. agriculturists were still outside the co-operative movement. It had not yet made to any appreciable extent the financial needs of the small trader or industrialist. The main reason of the progress of this movement being very slow was the illiteracy of the masses. The co-operative societies had not yet been able to oust the Saukar or the Shroff.

The witness observed that the State could not become the financing agency and do the work which the indigenous banker and the co-operative societies were doing.

Dealing with the question of indigenous bankers, the witness suggested that if a Shroff was to receive any help, it naturally followed that he should be subject to certain restrictions. For instance, his books of accounts should be open to inspection and audit by proper authorities and it should be obligatory on him not to speculate or deal in futures.

AN ACT THAT IS ABUSED.

Referring to the Deccan Agriculturists' Relief Act, the witness maintained that far from protecting the agriculturist it had in a sense made his position very difficult by estranging him from the indigenous banker. There had been at it were a race between them to evade their respective responsibilities in their anxiety to pursue what each of them considered to be his rights.

The witness was of opinion that at certain important railway stations, railways should erect big warehouses and the warrants issued by these warehouses for goods deposited in them should be given a negotiable character in case of certain approved merchants within certain areas. Railways should make a beginning in this direction because they had got the necessary organisation.

WHY PEOPLE HAVE LOST BANKING HABIT.

Dealing with the question of attraction of capital, Mr. Dahanukar pointed out that Indians had been used to both banking and investment from old times. If these habits seemed to have suffered a set-back in these days it was due to the absence of gold standard and gold currency coupled with the indifferent and apathetic attitude of Government to the industrial growth of this country. The currency policy pursued by the Government had been largely responsible for any hoarding that might be noticeable. Government must boldly come forward and decide once for all that India should have a Gold Standard and Gold Currency.

The witness advocated restrictions on foreign banks and foreign insurance companies which had proved to be a considerable hindrance to the progress of indigenous industry.

STATE RESERVE BANK.

Replying to a series of supplementary questions, Mr. Dahanukar made out a strong case for the establishment of a State Reserve Bank. He laid emphasis on numerous disabilities which were imposed on the indigenous industry owing to the working of the Imperial Bank of India. As a specific instance he pointed out that the foreign exchange banks which had no sympathy whatsoever for indigenous concerns were shown a preferential treatment by the Imperial Bank.

INDIAN BANKER'S VIEWS.

The Committee then examined Mr. Ramdeo Podar, a representative of Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co., bankers, Bombay. The witness pointed out that a large part of the country's wealth was both shy and unproductive. If only this wealth could be induced to flow into channels of production, it meant a great advance. The introduction of a Gold Currency together with a Gold Reserve located in the country would be a great inducement for the unproductive wealth to become productive as it would create confidence in the minds of the general public.

The witness maintained that such a helpless condition as existed in India would never have existed in a self-governing country.

The witness suggested the formation of an organisation called the Bankers' Association. What he had in mind was that money lendnig must be regulated and the indigenous banking business must be conducted by means of an Association.

The Committee then adjourned to Monday, 11 a.m.

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FEDERATION OF INDIAN CHAMBERS REPRESENTATIVES.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry have nominated Mr. Kasturbhai Lalbhai of Ahmedabad and Mr. D. P. Kaitan of Calcutta as its representatives on the Merchants Shipping Conference called by the Viceroy on January 3 to consider the question of adequate participation of Indian Shipping in coastal and overseas trade of India.—A. P.

ELOCUTION COMPETITION FOR PARSEES.

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The Elocution competition will be held in he second week of January 1930, probably on Thursday 9th January at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Public Hall, at 5-45 p. m. where any Parsee undergraduate Collegian of either sex can compete.

Three prizes will be awarded to the best three speakers in order of merit to be declared by a competent Board of Judges. Seven minutes will be allowed to each speaker.

Each candidate can speak on any one of the following subjects, he likes:—(1) Is International Brotherhood a chimera? (2) Woman's mission in modern times. (3) Are Parsees degenerating?—or, Do Parsees need no reforms? (4) An address, as the Chancellor, at a University Convocation. (5) Service! Sufferings! Sacrifice! (6) Fashions in dress. (7) Are priests the true spiritual leaders of the people? (8) A quack-politician's address.

Candidates are requested to send in their names and address, mentioning the class and college they attend, to the Jt. Hon. Secretaries. Post Box. 828 G. P. O. Bombay, before the 31st inst.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE OVERSEAS.

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(No. 3 District.)

Mr. D. F. Panthaki, M. B. E., J. P., Superintendent of the Parsi Division of the Bombay Corps of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas has been granted by the Council of the Grand Priory in the British Realm of the Venerable Order of St. John the dignity of Associate Serving Brother. It will be remembered that in recognition of the services of the Parsi Divisions, in conjunction with the Jewish, Cosmopolitan and other Divisions, to the city of Bombay during the riots of February 1929, a Special Vote of Thanks on Vellum, was granted to the Parsi Division by His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the Grand Prior of the Order. This latest award is a fitting recognition for the long and faithful service of Mr. Panthaki to Ambulance Work in this city. Mr. Panthaki is the first Parsi to receive this honour.

CHIEF JUSTICES AND CIVILIANS.

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Major Graham Pole's Bill.

The Honorary Secretary, Bombay Bar Association, has received the following cable:—

"My Bill does not render Civilians eligible as Chief Justices. Only Barristers, Advocates, Vakils."—Graham Pole.

THE CENTRAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

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Following is the statement of Liabilities and Assets of The Central Bank of India, Ltd., for the Fort-night ended 15th December 1929.:—

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Capital Subscribed Rs.	3,36,00,000.
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Capital paid Up	1,68,00,000.
Reserve Fund	75,00,000.
Deposits, debts due to Banks and Agents, Bills payable etc.,	13,80,29,000.
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	2,52,28,000.
Total	18,75,57,000.

ASSETS.

	Rs.
Cash Credits & Overdrafts on Government & other authorised securities	4,47,91,000.
Loans on Government & other authorised securities	2,53,76,000.
Bills Discounted	1,05,89,000.
Bank Premises	55,81,000.
Sundries including Branch Adjustments	2,24,63,000.
Cash in hand, at Banks & Investments in War Bonds, Govt. Paper, Treasury Bills, Shares, Debentures, Properties, etc.,	7,87,57,000.
Total	18,75,57,000.

Latest Cotton Prices.

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NEW YORK MARKET.

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MAY.

New York, Dec. 20.

Previous Closing Rate	17.44
To-day's Opening Rate	17.45
Difference	plus .01
To-day's Closing Rate	17.31
Difference	—.13

EXPECTATIONS.

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Broach Expectation Rs. 311

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

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MAY.

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Liverpool, Dec. 20.

Previous Closing Rate	9.32
To-day's Opening Rate	9.27
Difference	—.05
To-day's Closing Rate	9.28
Difference	—.04

LONDON SILVER MARKET.

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London, Dec. 20.			
Silver Ready	22	4	0
Higher	0	1	0
Silver Forward	22	5	0
Higher	0	1	0

Tone of Market:—Quiet.

BOMBAY PRICES.

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Bombay, Dec. 20.			
1st Settlement	50	8	0
2nd Settlement	50	9	0
3rd Settlement	50	11	0

MR. A. RANGASWAMI LEAVES FOR LAHORE.

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MADRAS, Dec. 20.

Mr. A. Rangaswami Iyengar left this morning by the Peshawar Express for Lahore. Mr. S. Srinivasa Iyengar is leaving on Sunday, the 22nd.—Free Press.

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INDIAN COTTON COMMITTEE.

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In these days, when public attention is mainly focussed upon political questions, it is natural that the pressing economic problems of India receive less than their due share of consideration. We are, therefore, very pleased to note that one public body at least, namely, the Indian Central Cotton Committee, is continuing to devote much time and attention to the improvement of the lot of the Indian cotton-grower. This Committee held its last meeting at Indore early in November and we congratulate that body on meeting under its first Indian President, Dewan Bahadur Sir T. Vijayaraghavachariar, Vice-President of the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research. The presence of so distinguished an Indian administrator in the chair of the Central Cotton Committee is most satisfactory and we feel sure that, under his guidance and supported by the experience and counsel of Mr. S. D. Saklatvala, the Vice-Chairman, the Committee will make accelerated progress towards solving the problems that face the cultivators in our large cotton-growing tracts. Hitherto, a certain amount of criticism has been directed against the Central Cotton Committee mainly upon the grounds that it's efforts are directed almost entirely in the interests of Lancashire and that its tendency has been to neglect—or, at least, subordinate—Indian interests.

We feel, however, that this criticism is largely based upon the fact that the Central Committee owes its existence to a recommendation of the Indian Cotton Committee of 1919. As the terms of reference of this original Cotton Committee clearly show, it was primarily intended to investigate the possibility of extending the cultivation of long-stapled cotton in India presumably in foreign interests and, therefore, its off-spring, the Indian Central Cotton Committee of to-day, has been credited with similar objects and aims. However, we do not believe that the Committee's record of achievement and the present programme of work upon which it is engaged lend much support to that belief. On the cotton-growing side, the Indian Central Cotton Committee finances and directs a most extensive programme of research in regard to the cotton crop in India. This research falls under two heads, technological and agricultural. Technological research is carried out at the Committee's Laboratories at Matunga where annual spinning tests on standard Indian cottons and cotton breeders' samples are regularly carried out and the results published in the form of leaflets or bulletins. We understand that the Committee has recently given special attention to the establishment of a closer liaison between the work done at its laboratories and trade requirements and proposes to undertake series of "trade tests" which should prove of much interest and value to the cotton trade and the mill industry. Representatives of trade associations have been co-opted to the Committee's Technological Sub-Committee in order to maintain a closer touch between trade interests and the Committee's technological research policy. No one can doubt the wisdom of these developments which must add considerably to the utility of this branch of the Committee's activities. The Committee's agricultural research work is carried out at the Institute of Plant Industry, Indore, and by means of grants made by Provincial Governments for investigation of major cotton-growing problems. The extent and importance of this side of the Committee's work is hardly realized by the general public but the successful conclusion of many of the Committee's "research schemes" will mean the addition of crores of rupees to the pockets of the Indian cotton-growers.

In the Bombay Presidency, investigations into the tremendous loss caused by wilt disease in the cotton-growing districts and the almost equally serious loss resulting from excessive shedding of buds, flowers and bolls are in progress. Also the damage caused by "boll-worm" attack in Gujerat is receiving attention and methods of checking this insect pest are being devised. In the Punjab, the Committee is financing a most important piece of research on the causes of the failure of the valuable Punjab-American crop during recent years and on the problems of cotton-growing in general under canal irrigation. In Sind also the cultivation of irrigated cottons is being investigated with the object of obtaining hardy and high-yielding varieties for extension on the enormous areas of new land under the Sukkur barrage scheme. The preservation and extension of the important indigenous "Bani" cottons of Hyderabad State, the improvement of short-stapled "Bengals" in the United Provinces and the Punjab and the introduction of higher-yielding and better varieties of cotton in Khandesh, the Central Provinces and Madras form other items in the Committee's agricultural research programme.

We are glad to note that the Committee's activities do not stop with research but that grants have been approved in aid of schemes for the distribution and extension of seed of improved varieties of cotton to the cultivators and for bringing the results of successful investigations to the practical benefit of the cotton-growers. Another important aspect of the Committee's work deals with measures taken to increase the number of suitably trained and experienced Indian investigators for work on cotton problems in India. With this object in view, the Committee has awarded, since 1923, forty-two research scholarships to selected graduates of Indian Universities and has directed their training in different branches of science as applied to the cotton crop throughout India. To this aspect of its work the Committee must devote increasing attention. Seven investigations into the finance of the cotton crop up-country and primary cotton marketing were undertaken and the results published by the Committee. These investigations took place in Sind, Middle Gujerat, the Northern and Western tracts of Madras, Khandesh (twice), North Gujerat and the Punjab. The reports on these investigations add considerably to the knowledge of cotton finance and marketing up-country and have directed the attention of the public and Government to the necessity for ameliorating the lot of the cotton-grower in these respects.

USEFUL REMINDERS.

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Although, as we said yesterday, Mr. Benn's speech on the Indian debate initiated by Mr. Fenner Brockway was mainly composed of sweet assurances about good-will to India, he gave expression, "inter alia", to views regarding the "origin and cure" of Labour troubles and the manner of preserving law and order, with which Indian Nationalism will have no reason to quarrel. In fact these views are a useful reminder to the authorities here that they should urgently revise their own views. Mr. Benn rightly observed: "Those who know India sufficiently, those who know the conditions under which Labour lives and works there, know that that one has to go a good deal deeper even than the unwholesome activity of Communists to find the real cause and real cure." On this side of India the Government and the capitalists have made much of the Communist bogey. Mr. Benn analyses the cause of industrial unrest in India with an accuracy which is lacking amongst those who have opportunity to study it at much closer quarters. But he is wrongly informed when he holds that many Trade Unions in India are at present "more 'ad hoc' Strike Committees than Trade Unions". He said that one of the primary duties of the Whitley Commission would be to build up the basis of Trade Unionism in India. Trade Union principles have been already assimilated by an appreciable number of Indian workers and many Trade Unions have been built up on the right lines, and the Whitley Commission does not need to tell Indian workers how to lay the foundations of Trade Unionism in this country.

Mr. Benn was quite right when he said that "the real basis of order was not police" but "public good-will". The bureaucracy in India have hitherto shown precious little evidence that they realise the innate value of this excellent dictum. They believe in "police" rule, although a Governor here and a Governor there may talk on post-prandial occasions of securing "the good-will and co-operation" of the Indian people. An excellent opportunity is available to Mr. Benn, however, for securing their co-operation in an important matter, the decision regarding which will have to be taken soon. Mr. Brockway reminded him that the Indian Legislative Assembly should be given "some power in the appointment of the representatives from India" to the ensuing Five-Power Naval Conference. Mr. Benn said that India "will be represented by her own delegation". Will he see to it that this delegation does not mean an official speaking on behalf of the people of India? If she is to be truly and effectively represented, her delegate must be appointed in consultation with the popular representatives in the Central Legislature.

GUJARATI SCRIPT FOR PERSIAN.

MR. P. S. GAZDAR'S INITIATIVE.

(BY G. K. N.)

Our Eastern world has tended to attach sanctity to all things almost indiscriminately, to all that is old or unknown,—celestial and-or mundane. A language that is ancient becomes sacred. Not only that. Its alphabet becomes synchronously holy. The sacred word must be transcribed in the holy script alone. The reverse of it, prejudice against the new and novel, is born of ignorance. History shows that our languages have been altering their scripts as frequently as our holy rivers change their beds. If we take old India, her present Brahmi character is a developed one, from a more ancient alphabet. And that old Brahmi character was used simultaneously with the Kharoshti. Some of the inscriptions of Asoka appear in the same language but also in this rare alphabet. It is read from left to right like the Semitic. At one time Bengali used to be written in the Perso-Arabic script and Sindhi in Nagari.

As in India so in Persia. It is only now that we learn that the present Avesta script is a sorry make-shift. It has been developed from an imprefect older script Its predecessor was the Arabic character. It had no vowels; and this Arabic was in currency side by side with the cuneiform or arrow-headed writing of the old Persian inscriptions.

TURKEY'S EXAMPLE.

Persia used its own hopelessly ambiguous script till the advent of Arabs, with their Arabic, in the seventh century. The ancient alphabet of Turkey was replaced by the Arabic when the country adopted Islam. The spirit of modernism has now impelled the Turk to discard the Perso-Arabic character and adopt Latin by force of Republican voice. The Turks have gone to the other extreme. Not only have they rejected the comparatively new Perso-Arab script but also the fine literatures of Arabia and Persia. That, however, is by the way.

REFORM MOVEMENT IN PERSIA.

In Persia the Nationalist movement harks back to the pre-Moslem era. Some Mussalmans of Persia are not satisfied with the Perso-Arabic alphabet. They have learnt to look upon it as alien. A few months ago Sir Denison Ross, Director of the Oriental School of London, submitted his report to the Shah of Persia on this question. He opined that the Arabic character was not altogether unsuitable to the genius of the Persian tongue. He observed that the Persian child picked it up with rapidity. What Sir Denison did not observe was the comparative innate quickness of the Persian child. Professor Christensen has sent me his detailed views on alphabet-reform in Persia. I hope to publish them in our "Bulletin" of the "Iran League". This Danish scholar, though an enthusiast in favour of the Sasanian era on which he is an authority, holds that the Arabic script if foreign has long become naturalized. It has also a peculiar shapely beauty. It has helped the development of the Persian art. He has much to say on the other side also.

MR. KANGA'S EFFORTS IN INDIA.

In India our Parsi forefathers were content with writing the Avesta in its peculiar cumbrous character. The late Edward Cowasjee Kanga introduced an innovation. He transliterated the Avesta in Gujarati script. This at once popularised the Parsi scriptures. To no one else, except K. R. Cama, I would trace the widespread knowledge of Avesta than to Kanga and his reproduction of the scriptures in the Gujarati character and language. It is due to him that the average orthodox Parsi is enabled to cite the holy word. When the learned Kutar Brothers published their Shahnameh in Gujarati script, they gave an impetus to the study of the Persian language. So much sanctity is attached to alphabet by the Bohras of India, who are among the ablest Arabic scholars in India, perhaps the most competent yet the least noisy in the whole world, that they publish

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INDIAN FASCISTI IN THE MAKING.

HOW THE POISON OF COMMUNALISM CORRODES.

(BY "OBSERVER".)

The anglicised term 'Volunteer' has, for sometime past, been passing through that process of corruption to which words like human beings and the ideas amongst which the latter move, seem to be destined. It has become a funny term; it evokes a smile and a cynical gesture.

THE HARMLESS SPECIES.

And it may mean anything right from the territorial force mobilised by the British Indian Government (including the University Training Corps) to the bunch of sorry men, women and even children, who have only to pin a rag of ribbon on the upper surface of their anatomy and try to herd about crowds that form your social functions (including the so-called political meetings) to be dubbed 'Volunteers'. With Khaki, the outward symbol of the order of the red god of War, Mars sheds its glamour, dignity and meaning, at least under the Indian Sun and becomes a mockery. The Bombay street-scenes vie with the stage scenes in rendering this comedy in the strictest jocular manner. Dosens of Falstaffs are discovered leading their brave battalions round every street corner and the mock-military orders that these modern parodies of the ancient knight bellow out become cheaper than the cheapest political slogans. Half a dozen men, who cannot properly balance their bodies, march past with the 'military' step, importing the bazzar-atmosphere as they chat and laugh with due profanity: their leader blows a toy bugle—these are your 'volunteers' marching to the Colaba Station to give a salute to their Chief who comes down to meet the Viceroy or to buy a motor-car or have other bouts of metropolitan pleasures (which shall remains uncatalogued in this modest chronicle.)

RAW MATERIAL.

Then, every clan has its volunteer corps closely answering to the description of "dress, clothing and equipment" which I am giving here. This may be called the backwash of clannishness. It has some spectacular interest for once; it gives diversion to the poor devils who like to play at soldiers without being put to the bother of the soldiers' life. After this class come the 'communal' volunteers led by petty politicians subscribing to ferocious creeds of communal fanaticism. They glibly mouth phrases like 'organisation', 'social service', 'self-defence', 'discipline', even 'Swaraj' and what not. These are your fascists of to-morrow.—men (with women and mascots) who are anti-communal, anti-social essentially but suddenly abnormally obsessed men, stimulated by the nicotine of fear and cowardise. They are both pitiable as well as dangerous, potentially. They are pitiable because they are dupes of a rabid propaganda, based on blind sectarian bias and hatred: and they are dangerous because they are likely to be, controlled by unscrupulous men who are not amenable to common social, civic decencies.

THE COMMON SHAME.

We are noticing to-day how in certain European countries, the 'social fascist' organisations are allowed to carry on a regime of violence to the dictation, in certain cases, of interests and forces that live in terror of large, organised proletarian upheavals. The Communist propaganda brings out this plague from its subterranean depths, in these industrialised places: and in nine cases out of ten, State authority confesses to powerlessness or non-interference in the matter of terrorist acts that defy every civic power with impunity. Our communalists, actuated by other motives, are playing the same game here, silently, cautiously. They cherish communal ambition at this moment: that ambition may be transformed tomorrow when the full-fledged Fascisti would be employed by subtler super-communalists. One notices tuberculars and physical and mental defectives joining this rabble.

PATHETIC SIGHT.

It is pathetic to watch ill nourished, miserable young men drilling in the sun, waving their poor 'lathies' and basking in the glory of imaginary military personality. But they might, if only properly led, turn into perfect organisations. Some of them including the leaders, are men of University education and professional status and even State servants (who curiously enough are allowed to carry on this kind of propaganda). They eat their hearts out over rifle-shooting all the time putting the shadow of the Lewis-gun and aeroplane out of their obsessed minds. To our common shame, however, the buckshot that communal rioters and partisans have always swallowed still tastes sweet in their half-open mouths. The menace of communalism, disguised in harmless garbs, is certainly growing in our midst.

NOTES OF THE DAY.

Doing Their Best

China is fortunately free at present from the old danger of internecine warfare amongst the Tuchuns, primarily because there no longer remain Tuchuns of the old type, army commanders who were a law unto themselves and obeyed the central authority of Peking only when it was convenient. At present China is suffering from a rebellion in its central parts from disgruntled officials who would dearly like to undermine the undoubted prestige of the Nanking Government under whose hegemony the country is united, right from Mukden in the North to Canton in the South. The Canton Government has been able to deal effectively with the military rising on its borders and however sorry at heart a certain school of foreigners may be at this prospect of Chinese political unity they have to reconcile themselves to the fact that the Kuommintang has succeeded in evolving stability and order out of chaos.

Damp Squib.

As we pointed out on Thursday, the Tory threat that they would force the MacDonald Government to alter their Coal Mines Bill radically and if they refuse, would defeat them on it was only a damp squib. The motion for rejection was formally moved by the Tories but they became aware that the Liberal group were playing their own game in this matter. Sir Herbert Samuel's string of questions to Mr. Graham, the member in charge of the measure, was not a halter round the neck of the MacDonald Government; on the contrary it provided them a loophole of escape from the unpleasant position of alienating the Liberals. The latter would be satisfied if Government agreed to their suggestions regarding the "marketing proposals" and the latest news is that the Tories evidently realised that discretion was the better part of valour and a number of them stayed away from the House, with the result that although 41 Liberals supported the Tory amendment, it was rejected.

The Contrast.

The bureaucracy in this country is leisurely considering the question of jail reform, being egged on to take some steps in this direction as a result of repeated public protests against the harsh treatment meted out to prisoners and under-trial prisoners. The rules governing this treatment are ante-diluvian. While other countries have made rapid strides in prison reform India lags markedly behind. In America in particular as a correspondent to the "Daily Telegraph", London points out, the Governor of the New York State Prison, Mr. Rossevelt, is taking the lead in putting the whole prison administration on revised lines. The new prisons he advocates will have rooms which will permit the prisoner to feel "that the State does not treat him as a wild animal in a menagerie". Mr. Rossevelt emphasizes the necessity of "re-educating" the prisoners through the cinema and the wireless so that he has a chance of "making good" after his period of detention is over.

Amnesty To Political Prisoners.

G. K. N. writes:—

Now that H. G. Wells advises "the dropping of Meerut trial" and amnesty to political prisoners is likely to be discussed by the Viceroy with Gandhiji and Pandit Motilal Nehru and Mr. Kelkar has justifiably pleaded the cause of several Mahrattas who have incurred the penalties of imprisonment for the sake of their moral convictions shall we add that among those released should be included the unfortunate Avari of Nagpur? This Parsi Nationalist was walking according to his lights straight along the path indicated by Mahatmaji, but was deserted by most of his friends. It was never proved that he was acting to achieve any personal ends."

The Discovery.

She (discussing new neighbours): "I can't make them out. They have got no car, no pianola, no wireless. She has got no jewellery, no furs—".
He (sadly): "They have probably got some money."

THE WORLD OF SPORT.

BOMBAY RACES.

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(SELECTIONS—BY "SENEX.")

1-15 P.M.

THE NOVICE PLATE. Div I.
RIALTO 1
HUBAYJAN 2
BERLIN 3

1-45 P.M.

THE NOVICE PLATE. Div II.
MUDLOOL 1
RIN TIN TIN 2
TIMIAT II 3

2-15 P.M.

THE NOVICE PLATE. Div III.
ANCHOR 1
EMPIRE 2
ELECTRIC 3

2-45 P.M.

THE CARLYLE PLATE.
NIX 1
CAVERN 2
VERDANT GREEN ... 3

3-15 P.M.

THE NOEL HANDICAP.
SOME LADY 1
SHINING STAR 2
THIS FREEDOM 3

3-45 P.M.

THE ANDHERI PLATE. Div II. B.
WHITE GOLD 1
ZUMMAR 2
AKRAM 3

4-15 P. M.

THE ANDHERI PLATE. Div II.A.
KAYID SAUD 1
PASHA 2
SARKA 3

4-45 P.M.

WRIGLEY'S GUM ... 1
WOOLWORTH KING ... 2
CO-RESPONDENT ... 3

5-15 P.M.

THE MANCHESTER PLATE.
ROMANESCO ... 1
GLEN 2
CHABOOTRA 3

5-45 P.M.

THE ANDHERI PLATE. Div I.
FUNNY FACE 1
AMIJ 2
KHALIL BEG 3

"THAT'S A GOOD GIRL" AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

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"The Quaints" Excel In Musical Comedy.

Mr. R. Salisbury can be depended upon to introduce the latest revues and comedies with an atmosphere, and last night's presentation of "That's a good girl", was in keeping with the general tradition. This musical comedy was the recent successful venture of Mr. Jack Buchanan at the London Hippodrome, and we hardly expected it to be shown so soon in India. The attendance was affected, no doubt, by the unexpected weather, but those who braved the elements had the pleasure of listening to an All-English production, which is tuneful and gay.

In a play which is so uniformly good, it is difficult to sum up the merits, but the honours were shared by Mr. Bruce Carfax and Miss Towyna Thomas, the two principles. They both lend a hand in the fooling, and dance in that eccentric style so rarely witnessed in the East. Miss Elsie Randolph has scored a notable success in the part of Joy Dean, and she has a capable understudy in Miss Thomas. Among the songs "Fancy our Meeting," captivates the memory, while "Chirp Chirp" is likely to catch on with a vengeance.

Mr. Carfax who is a brilliant humorist with a very pleasing voice and personality, should soon become the 'flappers' idol' in Bombay. It is safe to predict "That's a good Girl" will be the rage when its merits become generally known.

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CRICKET AND COMMUNALISM.

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A Plea For Defeat With Gallantry.

(BY: "A BOXING FAN.")

While I have no intention of grudging the Deccan Brahmins their triumph which they celebrated this week by inviting the Hindu Cricket Team to an "At Home". I cannot help citing this function as a typical, public exhibition of the spirit of communatism that is evident, to one's irritation, even in the sphere of sport.

TWO SPECIES.

Dr. Deshmukh himself, who, it must be confessed, cuts an awkward figure, consistently with his general personality in civic and private life, when he associates himself with certain prominent communalists of the new "social-fascist" species, very nealy attested to the statement I have made above when he drew the line between 'Indian Cricket' and 'European Cricket'. His dialecticism expressed in these words:

> To me the lesson of the cricket carnival is this that given equal opportanities and encouragement there is no field of activity in life where an Indian be he a Parsi or a Mahomedan or a Hindu will not be a match for an European if not his superiors.

strikes one as extremely unhappy especially to the student of the fearful Freudian I. C.

T HE DILEMMA.

The truth of the matter is that the (perhaps) inevitable basis of communal teams is in itself a wrong one and the sportsman who looks at this annual sport-event from the normal sport-viewpoint finds himself (or herself) put in a false position in so far as he (or she) is exposed to a good deal of misunderstanding. To the sportsman, the Hindu team is just one group represented by a single gymkhana. This essential difference that characterises the real sportsman's pride in this, that or the other team is lost on the mob of communalist gentry whose pride is the ignoble pride of community (in the depraved, Indian meaning of that generic term). No communal mentality is compatible with the sporting mentality which must always shrink from the best favoured nation" treatment in this matter.

VICTORY & LAURELS.

Dr. Deshmukh's remarks, too, in reference to the criticism levelled against the Parsi team seem to be objectionable on the score of fairness. The gallant Doctor's denunciation of the "prejudiced, irresponsible and ignorant critics" who accuse the Parsi team of not having displayed the kind of sportsmanship that was certainly expected of it, especially after the very significant gesture was made by their rival team. The Doctor's personal opinion, on this point, has no value when it is pitted against that of critics who cannot be accused of improper motives. Enough has already been said on this subject which cannot possibly call for a quixotic championship. The fact, however remains that even defeat, faced with gallantry, in sport as in other spheres of life, becomes a triumph when it is marked by a high degree of daring and sportsmanship. A victory on the other hand, gained with methods of the market-place pales into virtual defeat. This was exactly what we noticed in this year's tournament and sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof!

GUJRATI WOMAN DIES OF BURNS.

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The coroner concluded on Friday the inquest touching the death of Monghibai Kuverji (20) residing at Mandvi who died in J. J. Hospital on the 10th instant as a result of burns. The evidence showed that electric installation in the building in which the deceased resided was out of order and the residents were warned not to use electric power. On the 10th instant some clothes of the deceased hanging on a copper wire got burnt and while attempting to put out the fire, her sari also caught fire and she sustained severe burns. She was removed to the J. J. Hospital where she succumbed to her injuries.

Mr. Thomas Edward Ferro, Electrical Inspector to the Government of Bombay deposed that he had inspected the place of accident. The electric installation was out of order but the copper wire on which clothes were hanging were far away from the electric wire and there was no chance of the live electric wire touching the copper wire. In his opinion clothes might have got inflamed by a candle or striking of a match stick by the deceased to light the candle. The jury returned a verdict of death by burning and added that the fire had nothing to do with the electric current.

A FEAST OF MUSIC.

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"Show Boat's" Second Week At Excelsior Theatre.

Talking pictures have forged the final link between the screen with its vast realm of popular entertainment and the world of song and music. The most striking example of this blending of story and music, of plot and song, is "Show Boat", Universal's super-talkie which is commencing its second week at the Excelsior Theatre where it had been receiving enthusiastic appreciation from packed audiences ever since its opening.

The film which has cost over a million dollars has been adapted from Edna Ferber's famous novel of the same name which had a record sale in America. It was equally successful as a stage production by Florence Ziegfeld New York's celebrated producer of musical comedies, and had a sensational run of over two years.

A BRILLIANT CAST.

Apart from the popular appeal of the very human story, a happy combination of several other essential factors have contributed to the outstanding success of the film. It was directed by Harry Pollard, the famous director of "Uncle Tom's Cabin". It has an exceptionally brilliant cast, which includes the ideal film couple, Laura La Plante and Joseph Schildkraut. Miss La Plante who has already won her laurels as a 'comedienne, proves herself a remarkably successful emotional actress also in the role of the heroine Magnolia, and though appearing for the first time in a "talkie", reveals a voice of wonderful sweetness in several songs she sings in this film. Joseph Schildkraut, the handsomest and most romantic actor on the screen, has already distinguished himself in many important roles, notably as Judas in that immortal film, "King of Kings". The cast is further enriched by such well known screen-favourites as Otis Harlan, a noted character actor (as the vivacious and humorous Captain Andy Hawks), Emily Fitzroy, (as the captain's wife), Alma Rubens, (the talented actress who interprets the role of Julie) and the seven-year-old-child star, Jane La Verne who gives a wonderful characterization as "little Maggie" and later as Magnolia's daughter Kim, in the film.

THE MUSICAL PART.

A veritable feast of music is provided by the numerous colourful ballads and folk-songs in "Show Boat" which constitute a real anthology of popular American Music of the past half century. Among the melodies exquisitely rendered by Laura La Plante are, "Old man river" "Deep River", and "Coon, Coon, Coon", one of the favourites of thirty years ago. Some of the stars of the Ziegfield revue are also seen and heard in the film, and they give some of their popular musical hits which made the stage production so successful. "Come on Folks" is the opening number sung by Aunt Jemina and the Plantation Singers who also sing "Hey Fellow". Miss Helen Morgan, the popular New York revue and night club star, sings the famous ballad "Bill", and "Can't help loving that man", the song which was one of the biggest hits of New York.

Causes Of Delays To Indian Air Mail.

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LONDON, DEC. 19.

Replying to a question in the Commons on the subject of delays to the Indian Airmail, Mr. Montague stated that up to October 31 it arrived after the schedule date thrice at Karachi and thrice at Croydon, and was also lost on two occasions. He pointed out that the mails throughout were carried by train between Basle and Genoa, and since November 1 largely, owing to climatic conditions, they were carried over longer stages by train and also sometimes by sea. It was impossible, therefore, to adhere completely to regular schedule.—Reuter.

Two More Houses Raided.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

Two more houses, one in Aghbazar and the other in Sankaritola, Bhowanipore were raided by the police. Nothing incriminating has been found and no arrests have been made. It is understood all the accused will be escorted to Natore and placed before the District Magistrate, Rajshahi in connection with the Natore Mail Bag robbery case.—Free Press.

Rain Interferes With Congress Preparation.

LAHORE, Dec. 19.

An incessant drizzle since the early hours of the morning has been further interfering with the arrangements for the forthcoming session of the Congress.—A. P.

RASA-MANDAL ART EXHIBITION.

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MANINDRA GUPTA'S WORK.

Art Of India And Ceylon.

(By Our Special Representative.)

Manindra Gupta has not a rigid outlook. His technique varies with his varying themes. He seeks varying colour combinations as he seeks suitable surface and texture. His preoccupation with colour is apparent. "The Evensong", "Java Calling", "Vasavadatta," "Wives of Fishermen," "The Noctural Journey" "The Woman Bathing", "Radha Krishna" mark his constant inclination. Colour is, however, not the only attraction in Mr. Gupta's paintings. His 'Badrinath Temple, Himalaya' "Pilgrims of the Adam's Peak" or "Worshippers of the Swamy Rock" should be indicative of the aptitude for the skilled handling in clearly delineated masses. "Puja" and "Malvika" may be taken as examples where Mr. Gupta leaves his broad touches for delicate, diminutive, compositions. Mr. Gupta has kept his colour "Puja" and 'Malvika" 'Puja' particularly suggests that calm perception of values which by its discrimination hightens the quality of both line and colour for significant compositions. "The Dawn of Liberty" (Guru Govind). "The Prisoner of the Asoka Forest," and the "Brides Departure" are distinctive patterns. Mr. Gupta has also exhibited a number of interesting sketches and drawings mainly suggestive of life and landscape in Ceylon. His reproduction of the "Queen" after the Sigria Frescoes in Ceylon, believed to be of the 7th century, and similar copies of the frescoes from other Ceylon temples of the 12th and 18th centuries are an uncommon feature of the Exhibition. To the student of Indian art they reveal easily the similarity of outlook and execution, the unity in art, of India and Ceylon. One acquainted with the wall paintings of Ajanta, Bagh or Sitanvassal would detect in these Ceylon frescoes many familiarly ancient features. The exhibition will remain open at the Blavatsky Lodge Chowpatty, till to-morrow (Sunday) to the public between 9 and 12 in the morning and between 3 and 6 in the evening.

"RALLYING THE REACTIONARIES."

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Viceroy's Propaganda In South India.

MADRAS, Dec. 20.

Commenting on Wednesday's debatee in the House of Commons Mr. T. Prakasam, Editor, writes in "Swarajya":

"The House of Commons by unanimously accepting a most colourless resolution of Mr. Fenner Brockway has shown how clever Englishmen are in the matter of uniting on such occasions and leading us into a trap. While these magnificient gestures are made by the House of Commons, Lord Irwin who is parading South India has made no insignificant contribution by the endeavours he has made here to consolidate the reactionary forces as against the Congress, if the Congress should be obstinate and refuse to accept the so-called Round Table Conference. I only hope India would be saved the ignominy of being dragged accross the waters to a Conference of this description. I should tell the British statesmen that this is hardly the way in which Indian leaders and Indian people should be treated."—Free Press.

Administration Of Land Of Majigam.

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(From a correspondent.)

Gangaram Pranjivan Inamdar had filed a suit against Hasmukhlal Gordhandas in the Court of the Second Class sub-Judge of Bulsar, claiming the entire administration of the land of the village Majigam of Chikhli Taluqa. After a protracted trial, in which arguments on behalf of the plaintiff were led by Dewan Bahadur Thakoreram, pleader, and by Mr. Chimanlal, pleader, on behalf of the defendant, his Honour passed and order in favour of the plaintiff directing the administration of the land of the said village to be vested in the plaintiff, without let and hindrance on the part of the defendant, and ordering the defendant to pay three fourths of the cost of the plaintiff.

GREAT PURNA-KUMBHA-MELA AT ALLAHABAD.

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THIRTY LAKHS OF PILGRINS.

Sri Ramkrisdna Mission Starts Relief Works.

Swami Sambuddhananda of the Ramakrishna Ashram, Khar, Bombay, writes:—

The great Kumbha-mela of the whole host of Indian Sadhus meets at Allahabad, the sacred city of Prayag on the 13th January and sits for full one month. Pilgrims from the different quarters of India rush to this mela by thousands and millions. This being the Purna-Kumbha there will be a mammoth gathering this year. The U. P. Government expects an influx of 30,00,000 thirty lakhs of pilgrims who brings in their train maladies and miseries of various kinds.

The branch centre of the Rama krishna Mission Sevasram at Allahabad which ever since its start in 1910 has been rendering various kinds of services to the suffering humanity has decided to open a relief camp on the bank of Triveni, the mela ground with a view to give all sorts of relief to the helpless and needy both from the Camp there and the Ashram simultaneously.

We need hardly say what a costly affair would be the undertaking for its proper accomplishment. May we ask the generous public to send us their quota of help in cash or in kind to us as early as possible and oblige?

All contributions, however small will be most thankfully received and acknowledged by

(1) Hon. Secretary, Sri Ramakrishna Sevasram, Muthiguni, Allahabad (U. P.) or

(2) Shri Ramakrishna Ashram Khar, Bombay.

KUMBHA MELA.

The Government of Bengal have directed that facilities should be provided for free Inoculation against cholera of all pilgrims proceeding to Kumbha Mela at Allahabad and to Gangasagar Mela at Saugor Island in January as a precautionary measure.—A. P.

MR. IYENGAR ON COMMONS DEBATE.

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MADRAS, Dec. 20.

Interviewed by the Free Press regarding Wednesday's debate in the House of Commons, Mr. Srinivasa Iyengar said:

Mr. Brockway's talk of progressive and automatic advance and Mr. Benn's statement leave me cold. There is nothing in them and Mr. Benn's statement that there is already Dominion Status in action is just what one should expect from him to people like us who want not substance but phrases. Even the four conditions upon which the Delhi manifesto insisted are not at all agreed to. I trust the Lahore Congress will give a rousing and correct lead to the country."

BANDRA MUNICIPAL SCHOOL TEACHERS.

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To The Editor of "The Chronicle".

Sir.—With reference to the account of the interview with the Chairman of the Bandra Municipal School Board which appeared in yesterday's "Chronicle", there are two or three inaccuracies which require correction; it appears from this account that the Chairman issued a standing order regarding the holding of censure meetings; as a matter of fact, the order contained a "warning" to a teacher regarding another incident which it had been agreed to regard as closed. The Chairman regards the conduct of the teachers and Headmaster deplorable because they, it is alleged, obtained a "legal restraint". Here again, the teachers had nothing whatever to do with the process of obtaining an injunction. This was obtained by Mr. Sawant and referred only to the procedure adopted at the Board meeting. This has, indeed, been made clear in the last paragraph in yesterday's account. The Chairman is also alleged to have told your interviewer that the School Board resolution only thought it desirable to dismiss the teachers whereas the resolution in fact authorises the Chairman to "fill these vacancies", there being no contingent authorisation in this respect.—Yours, etc.,

P. S. B.

LINDRUMS LEAD.

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LONDON, Dec. 18.

The following are the closing scores in the billiard matches at Birmingham:—

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Smith carried his overnight unfinished break of 1,325 to 1,588 full.—Reuter.

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SALE OF GOODS BILL

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Select Committee To Consider Revised Draft.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 19.
By Mail.

The Government of India have notified their intention of summoning a meeting of the Select Committee on the Indian sale of Goods Bill on the 9th of January 1930 in New Delhi.

It will be recalled that an expert committee under the chairmanship of Sir B. L. Mitter, the Law Member, examined last summer in Simla the provisions of the Government draft bill and submitted a detailed report together with the changes which the Committee felt were necessary. That expert committee consisted besides the Chairman, Mr. D. F. Mulla, Mr. Jayakar and Mr. Alladi Krishnaswami Iyer.

When the revised draft was placed before the Legislative Assembly, the House appointed a committee of its own consisting mostly of lawyers to review the draft in the light of the opinions received before the measure was taken into consideration. This Committee consists of Sir B. L. Mitter, Law Member, Sir Purshottamdas Thakurdas, Mr. H. P. Mody, Mr. Mullah, Mr. Jayakar, Mr. K. C. Neogy, Mr. Jinnah, Mr. A. K. Siddiqui, Mian Shah Nawaz, Mr. Nirmal Chander Chander, Mr. Sesha Iyengar and Mr. V. V. Jogiah.

This committee has been summoned to assemble on the 9th January and probably the examination of the Bill will take a few days.

Among the opinions which the committee will take into consideration are those of Mr. C. O. Ramfrey of Calcutta, Mr. Justice Lal Gopal Mukarji of the Allahabad High Court and a note by the Senior Sub-Judge of Dehi.—A. P.

CASES UNDER STAMP ACT.

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Merchants Fined.

A sentence of fine was awarded by Mr. H. P. Dastur, Chief Presidency Magistrate, in disposing of two cases under the Indian Stamps Act.

The accused in the first case is Bhaichand Rupchand Doshi, a partner in the firm of Diwan Bahadur Kesarsingh Chandmal of Jhaveri Bazar, Bombay. Mr. B. B. Rane, Assistant Superintendent of Stamps, the complainant in the case in his information, stated that it appeared that the firm of Messrs. Alli Valli and Co. paid to the accused's firm on the 16th August, 1929, a sum of Rs. 5,181-1-6 and received a receipt signed in the name of the firm by the accused. The said receipt was not stamped by one anna stamp as required by law. It appeared that the firm of Messrs. Alli Valli and Co. demanded a stamped receipt, but the accused refused to do so. He, therefore, charged the accused under Section 62-B of the Indian Stamps Act.

The accused pleading guilty to the charge, was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 150.

The second case under the same section was against one Manilal Shivlal, working in the firm of Diwan Bahadur K. Chandmal. The accused was stated to have passed a receipt for Rs. 25,536-8-6 to the firm of Messrs. Alli Valli and Co. without affixing one anna stamp. The accused was sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 25.

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"LARGEST AERIAL-FORCE."

AMERICA'S BID FOR SUPREMACY.

By J. M. Cooper.)

In a previous article, published on Nov. 26 I had put before the "Bombay Chronicle" readers, a complete review of a sternous propaganda carried on in United States by its most influential papers to establish a largest and invincible air-force in the whole world and in to-day's issue the readers will find some further interesting facts in continuation of that article.

"A force of 50,000 planes may not be out of proportion for the United States, as armies of planes will be used in the next war and that too as the main factor, bringing the war far behind the lines, affecting the center of population from the first day," was the statement made to Earl Reeves by Anthony Fokker, the world famous aviation expert and airplane builder of America. As a pioneer of commercial aviation and with his world wide experience of almost all types of airplanes, his statement impressed the American statesmen. instantaneously, a strenuous propaganda through newspapers was launched in the whole of America and has already met with a good success as shown below.

A GIANT INDUSTRY.

In the United States, the aviation expense is met by a direct subsidy from the War Office and not from the Army and Navy budgets as other countries Europe receive. This change of policy by the United States was the outcome of a theory that for creating an enviable military air force, "production capacity" must be built up. So, a direct encouragement from the Government by establishing air mail and passenger air mail service, throughout the United States, created a general market for planes, which in turn created a giant industry next to American automobiles, and consequently the American statesmen have assured the nation having this industry built on such a large scale and ready to function on a war basis, if necessary, will be "ready for war" at any motional defence.

But this error of considering such air-crafts as a defence force was strongly rebuked and critisized by Anthony Fokker who said "It is an error to consider that the transport equipment of mail and passenger lines will in itself b "ready for war" at any moment; or that these planes, withdrawn from civilian use, can constitute " a Great Air Armada". In the emergency of war there would not be enough passenger and mail planes; in the first place they would be nothing compared to what would be needed, as they would not be fitted to the needs of any future war."

At present nobody can forecast the form of a future war, as there is a constant healthy controversy on this point, for there are many, who are out for demanding a large fleet of submarines to support their favourite navy, whereas there are others who constantly demand airplane carriers in support of their aerial defence force.' To satisfy these air-force fans, America has already built a giant Air-plane carrier,' named 'Saratoga' which carries on its deck nearly eighty fighting airplanes. It has a speed of more than thirty knots an hour and the planes are built with such a contrivance that they 'take off' from the carrier's deck, after only a very short run up the deck.

IMPROVEMENT IN SPEED.

America, has done everything that can be done to improve the speed of an airplane even after sacrificing other important factors. They have constantly sought 'speed' and have now achieved it, for they had felt this necessity from the very beginning that to build an invincible Air Force, they must have the fastest pursuit-planes to drive away the enemy airplanes and at times destroy them by overtaking the enemy planes. They had also not overlooked another similar important point, that it will not be of any material use to build the fastest pursuit-plane which whilst overtaking falls a victim to an enemy plane with greater fighting ability. And to overcome this difficulty, the American Navy continually tests new models and considering the effectiveness of smaller, faster and more flexible bombing units.

America has already about 2000 fighting planes, which cost an equivalent of a single battleship, with uptodate modern equipments, and so at this rate, America can well afford to build and maintain a huge air-craft force, which would no more be regarded by other nations as merely 'a scouting group' or an unimportant skirmish line.' To maintain the efficiency of this huge force, America is considering the question of building special air-transport crafts with heavy tonnage, which can easily carry to the fighting lines the necessary munitions and mechanical supply. They have already such types, numbering a few dozen and their necessity is already felt, for several war authorities have suggested the establishment of a ratio of 1 to 5 between transport-planes and fighting war planes. Thus the American air-force will again be adequately increased by a further number of 10,000 transport planes, bringing the total American Air-craft force to 60,000 fighting planes.

KOLABA DISTRICT NEWS.

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Shah Wali Khan In Uran

VISIT TO ELEPHANTA CAVES.

(From a Correspondent.)

ALIBAG, Dec. 15.

On the eve of his departure to London, His Excellency Shah Wali Khan, who captured Kabul from the forces of Bacha-e-Saqqa and is appointed Ambassador in London on behalf of his Majesty, Nadir Khan, the King of Afghanistan, snatched a little time to pay a visit to the island of Uran where he was given a magnificient reception. An address was also presented to him in the Persian language in the bunglow of Khan Saheb Bhimdivala before a large gathering of Hindus, Muslims and Parsees. His Excellency also visited the Elephanta Caves which are situated near Uran and then proceeded to Bombay.

GOVERNOR'S PROPOSED VISIT TO ALIBAG.

It is understood that His Excellency Sir Frederick Sykes is shortly to pay a visit to this town and the question of presenting him address on behalf of Alibag Municipality and Kolaba District Local Board is being discussed in an informal manner. Both these local bodies have kept themselves clear of such functions in honour of officials so far and Mr. Madhusudan Pendse and Dr. Dongre who are respectively the Presidents of the Municipality and District Boards are opposed to any such move.

PATWARDHAN MEMORIAL FUND.

It will be remembered that Kabul Momin mentioned above was charged with having brutally murdered one Gopal Patwardhan, a Brahmin from Karjat who carried on propaganda among the ryots of this District against extortionate money-lenders. A committee has been formed to collect Rs. 3000 to help the widow of the said Patwardhan, who was married only last year. The work of collecting this money has been entrusted to Mr. Purshottam Athavle, who made the Raigarh Fund collections such a great success. Already a sum of over Rs. 600 has been collected. It is proposed to train the widow of the deceased Patwardhan as a nurse and midwife and thus make her economically independent. It would be in the fitness of things if the Governor contributes to this fund, now that he has already shown mercy to Kabul Momin.

PRESIDENTSHIP OF SUPPRESSED CLASSES CONFERENCE.

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LAHORE, Dec. 20.

With regard to the press report about the Suppressed Classes Conference to be held in Lahore, it is learnt that Babu Purshotamdas Tandon was elected as Chairman of the Conference and not Sir Purshottamdas Thakordas. as wrongly stated.—Free Press.

NATTERS OF MOMENT IN KATHIAWAD.

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(From Our Correspondent.)

SINDHHAVADAR, Dec. 16.

Mr. Popatlal Chudgar, one of the members of the Indian State Peoples' Deputation to England, returned last month. While in England he qualified himself at the Bar and worked in the State People's cause. After his return he narrated his experiences at Wadhwan, Limbdi and Rajkot where he received due honours. He has written a book "The Indian Princes under British Protection" which he got published in England. It is not definite where he settles himself.

Jamnagar Dasha Shrimali Jain community honoured Dr. Pranjivandas M. Mehta; Fellow of the University of Bombay, by presenting him an address on November 30th. Mr. Somchand K. Shah Chief Revenue Commissioner of the State, as president of the meeting praised Dr. Mehta's services particularly to the community to which he belongs.

CUTCH SEDITION LAW.

Most of the States have adopted British Civil Laws with necessary modifications suited to the local conditions while laws relating to crimes are the same that are administered in British India. However, in the Cutch State there is special Penal Law known as Cutch Penal Code to which a new section resembling section 124 A of the Indian Penal Code is now added under the signature of the Diwan. Here is the order:

"As ordained by His Highness the Maharaja until further orders, the following addition is hereby made as section 57 A after section 57 in the Cutch Penal Code.

"Whoever disseminates or attempts to disseminate, by whatever means, feelings of disaffection in the public mind against the Cutch State or the administration thereof shall be punished with deportation or imprisonment for five years or with fine.

"The offender shall be liable to arrest without warrant and shall not be released on bail."

(Sd.) SURYASHANKER D. MEHTA, Diwan.

Dated 18th Nov. 1929.

There appears no justification for this extraordinary executive addition—not meant to be permanent—"Ordained by His Highness the Maharaja" who is at the time of the order in African jungles.

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vale was defeated within forty seconds. The prize of Rs. 150 was awarded to the winner.

Professor D. B. Deodhar, the captain of the Hindu team, was honoured at a public meeting on Tuesday under the presidentship of Mr. H. G. Gharpure, I.C.S., An At Home was also held in his honour on the P. Y. C. grounds.

THE NON-BRAHMAN PARTY.

The Executive Committee of the Non-Brahman Party will meet on the 22nd in the Jedhe Mansion to consider, among other things, the letter of the president, the Hon. Mr. Jadhav, declaring the meeting held on the 10th November to be illegal. On account of the quarrels in the much interest attaches to this meeting.

Professor D. V. Potdar and Sardar G. N. Mazumdar are appointed to attend the Historical Records Commission meeting at Gwalior on he 21st instant.

POONA DAY BY DAY.

BALLAD SINGING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) POONA, Dec. 19.

Mr. Nanivadekar, a famous singer of ballads, entertained the Shivaji Mandir audience for an hour and half with his ballads. There was a large audience of young men and also a more than usual contingent of ladies. He chanted the famous and historic ballad of Laxmibai of Jhansi in an inspiring manner. The audience was held under a spell, as it were, while he was chanting, in varying tones and to the rousing accompaniment of his small drum and with the cries of Je-Jee-Jeee being echoed and re-echoed, one verse after another! The exploits of Laxmibai in the Mutiny of 1857 took the listeners to the peak of enthusiasm. The second ballad he sung was about the present careers of young educated men. It was a mingled yarn—the warp of the criticism against the Government for its policy of partiality to the white-skin and the weft of charming pieces of advice to the educated young men to be strong in body and mind. This ballad was constantly punctuated with claps of hand and peals of laughter. Altogether it was a pleasing evening that the audience spent in the Shivaji Mandir, though, of course there was no lighting arrangement at all, but for the Municipal lantern shedding its pale, dying, little flickering lustre!!

ALLEGED DEFALCATION.

Two men by name Kate and Thite are being tried by the City Magistrate for thefts of four watches. These persons who lost their watches gave evidence and also one goldsmith who melted the stolen golden chain. The theft appears to have been committed in the houses when the inmates had gone in to dine, placing their clothes outside. The watches are very costly.

Mr. R. T. Kulkarni of the People's International Trade and Commerce Company is being tried by the City Magistrate for alleged defalcation of a sum of Rs. 39,00. Two witnesses tendered evidence, alleging how the accused had given them "acha" receipts for the money paid-up. The admission fees were accepted, but though days passed upon days, the loan was not being given.

Mr. Prabhune, a Municipal servant, is being prosecuted on the charge of misappropriation of money.

DAVID CUP CRICKET MATCHES.

The David Cup Cricket match between the Law College and the Deccan College is being played on the P. Y. C. Hindu Gymkhana grounds. In the first innings the Law College was dismissed only with 48 runs. The Deccan College score has mounted up to 230 with two yet to play.

The competitions in the game of Hu Tu Tu started by the P. Y. C. Hindu Gymkhana are going on. The Shivaji Akhada and the Maharashtriya Mandal are playing to-day.

One of the most beautiful and skilful of the wrestling matches was played between wrestler Takle or Charli and Ingavale on the Deccan Gymkhana grounds. Inga-

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INDIA IN PARLIAMENT.

ARRESTS UNDER SECTION 124 A

(By SUNDER KABADI.)
By Air Mail.
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In pursuance of his promise in answer to a question from Major Graham Pole on the 18th November, Mr. Wedgwood Benn has informed the questioner that he has ascertained that there were on the 20th November 48 persons under trial in India under Section 124A of the Indian Penal Code. Of these, all but 9 are on bail. On the same date the number of persons undergoing sentences under this section of the Indian Penal Code was also 48.

INDIAN STATES' PEOPLE AND THE ROUND TABLE CONFERENCE.

Whether representatives of the people of the Indian States would be included in the Conference to be convened after the Report of the Simon Commission has been presented was asked by Mr. Rennie Smith. The Secretary of State explained that, so far as the Indian States were concerned, the questions which it was contemplated would be discussed at the Conference would be confined to the broad question of constitutional policy, in regard to which the acknowledged rulers of Indian States were the only persons who could speak with authority. Questions concerning the internal government of the States would not arise at the Conference.

PROVISIONAL ESTABLISHMENT OF CIVIL AERODROME AT RANGOON.

Replying to a written question dated the 28th November, Mr. Wedgwood Benn informed Major Graham Pole that provision for the establishment of the civil aerodrome at Rangoon has been made in the Budget of the current financial year, and that it is expected to be ready for use not later than March next.

REPORT OF ROADS COMMITTEE.

In answer to a written inquiry from Major Pole of the same date, in respect of the action that has been taken by the Government of India on the Report of the Roads Committee, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said that as recommended by the this Committee the import and excise duties on motor spirit had been raised from 4 to 6 annas per gallon. A Road Conference of representatives of the Provincial Governments to consider some of the principal recommendations of the Committee was held in September and a standing committee had been appointed to advise the Governor-General in Council on certain matters connected with roads. A resolution embodying some of the most important recommendations of the Committee will be considered at the next session of the Legislative Assembly.

TRAINING INDIAN NAVAL CADETS.

At question time on the 2nd December, Commander Kenworthy again raised the question of the training of Indian naval cadets in the Royal Navy. He asked when it was expected that the first Indian naval cadets or candidates for naval commissions would arrive for training in the Royal Navy. Answering this part of the question, Mr. Wedgwood Benn said September next, providing that qualified candidates are forthcoming. Commander Kenworth asked, how many of these gentlemen it was proposed to train in a year. Mr. Benn said three vacancies are being offered on the present occasion. There was no fixed annual number it was proposed to train. He was afraid he could not give any reliable estimate, since the service was small and the rate of recruitment problemetical. To an enquiry from Commander Kenworthy as to whether, if suitable candidates were available, the Secretary of State would consider increasing the number of entrants so as to make up the loss. Mr. Benn said the proportion had been fixed, and he did not think at present he could alter that proportion.

MALARIA IN BENGAL.

Commander Bellairs asked the Secretary of State whether his attention had been drawn to the increase of preventible malaria in Bengal and the recent Report of Sir Malcolm Watson to the Ross Insitute for an enquiry. He asked if Mr. Been would follow the precedent of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, who instituted an inquiry that led to the stamping out of Mediterranean fever and whether he would immediately promote liason work with British Guiana where a similar problem with part of the East Indian population had been succeefully dealt with. Replying, Mr. Been said that so far as he was aware there had been no increase in malaria in Bengal in recent years. He understood that Sir Malcolm Watson's suggestion was that an inquiry should be made as to whether the embankments of the Ganges Delta produce conditions favourable to malaria, and, if so, whether a remedy could be found. This matter, said, Mr. Benn, was engaging the attention of the Government of Bengal. Mr. Bennadded that a chair of malariaology would be established in the new Rockfeller Institute in Calcutta.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND STANDARDS.

Major Graham Pole referred to the turning down by the Assembly of the proposal of the Government of India to appoint a European officer of the Indian medical service as a whole time commissioner of medical qualifications and standards. In view of this action of the Assembly he wanted to know what line the Government intended to take. He also asked if the creation of this post was proposed by the Government of India as an alternative to the creation of a Government Commission on medical qualifications and standards of as an expedient pending the setting up of such permanent machinery. Mr. Benn, in his answer, stated that the demand for a grant for the expenses of the above appointment was not rejected by the Legislative Assembly, as the House was adjourned before the termination of the debate. The Government of India are consulting the Provincial Governments as to the measures to be adopted to meet the situation and to secure the continued recognition of Indian medical degrees. The creation of the post was proposed as temporary measure, pending the establishment, by legislative enactment, of an All-India Medical Council.

LAND REVENUE ASSESSMENT.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn informed Major Pole that the position in respect of the progress made in implementing the recommendation of the Joint Parliamentary Committee 10 years ago that the process of revising land revenue assessment should be brought under closer regulation by statute, is still as was described by him in the House of Commons on the 22nd July.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIAN TRADE COMMISSIONERS.

Mr. Benn told Major Graham Pole that he had no informations to whether any action was to be taken on the recommendation of the Indian Trade Mission that Indian Trade Commissioners should be appointed at Alexandria, Mombasa and Durban. He would inquire.

MEERUT TRIAL.

Mr. Beckett was informed that nine witnesses had been sent out to India in connection with the prosecution in the Meerut conspiracy trial. All of these were in public employment. These witnesses represented three departments: Scotland Yard, the Post Office and the Passport Office.

INDIA'S FISCAL AUTONOMY.

Sir Nocholas Gratton Doyle referring to the duties on British cotton imports into India, asked whether, in view of the prevailing depression in the cotton industry in Lancashire, Mr. Wedgwood Benn would make efforts to secure more favourable terms for British goods. Mr. Wedgwood Benn replied that he could not dream of interfering with the Fiscal Autonomy Convention which had now existed for some time. Asked by Dr. Vernon Davies if he approved of that policy for India, Mr. Benn said that was the policy from which he did not intend to depart.

ROYAL INDIAN MARINE AND HIGHER RANKS.

The Secretary of State for India, answering a question from Major Graham Pole in regard to the progress that was being made in Indianisation of the Royal Indian Marine in its higher ranks, made a long statement as to the present position in this matter. He said the present strength in the executive branch is: Indian Officers none, European Officers 71, and in the engineering branch; Indian Officer one, European Officers 49. Since the reorganisation of the Indian Marine into a combetant force, two Europeans have been appointed to the executive branch and one Indian and 11 Europeans to the engineering branch. As regards the number of Indian candidates for the executive branch who have been, or it is proposed shall in the near future come to British to train in the Royal Navy, Mr. Benn referred Major Pole to his answer to Commander Kenworthy's question on the subject. From this it would be seen, said Mr. Benn, that as yet no Indian candidates have been on are under training with the Royal Navy for the executive branch. No Indian candidates have as yet been selected for shipyard training in this country for the engineering branch of the Royal Indian Marine: but the Indian engineer sub-lieutenant, who was already qualified as an engineer when selected, was given a three months' course under the Admiralty. It was decided in 1927 to recruit officers for both branches in the ratio of one Indian to two Europeans and that policy is being pursued by offering vacancies to Indian cadidates in that ratio. Thus, three vacancies in the executive branch and five in the engineering branch were offered to Indian candidates at the combined examination that has just been held in India.

MR. W. BENN'S VISIT TO INDIA.

Mr. Wedgwood Benn told Mr. Remer that, as he had stated on the 4th November, it was not his intention to visit India before the Statutory Commission had reported.

Pirzadah Bawamiya Memorial.

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(From a Correspondent.)

The Young Gujarati Association of the Muslim University Aligarh has unanimously passed a resolution to collect funds in memory of Pirzadah Bawamiya Chishti, the nephew of Pir Motamiya Sahib Chishti of the well known Gadi of Mangrol, to keep his name perpetually associated with the Muslim University Aligarh, in some form or other, in token of deep love for him, in consequence of his untimely demise in the Univesity Hospital in November last, as he belonged to the noble family of Hazrat Baba Farid Shaker Gunj Chishti, one of the greatest saints of India, and was the first Pirzadah from the Kadi district of the Baroda State to avail himself of the training of the Muslim University Aligarh. The work is commenced and funds are being collected with keen interest.

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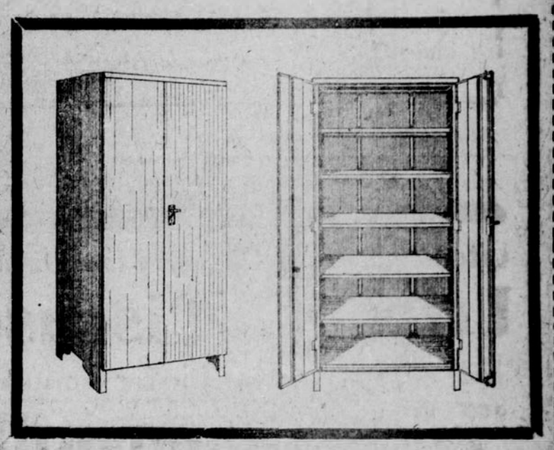

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Lack Of Confidence In Management.

AMENDMENT OF COMPANY ACT ADVOCATED.

At its Thursday's sitting the Bombay Provincial Banking Enquiry Committee examined a number of witnesses beginning with Messrs. Jamnadas Morarji, Jagamohandas Kapadia and Prof. S. Davar, representatives of the Shareholders' Association.

In their evidence, the witnesses said the influence of co-operative societies had been good but the banks had been negligible outside large towns for want of sufficient member of branch offices of the big banks. Life Insurance Companies had also exercised a healthy influence in this respect. In villages as well as outlying places in the mofussils facilities should be provided for purchase and sale of Government securities on easy terms. Papers of small denomination should be made available for purchase or sale through agencies such as post office savings banks, etc. Again in order to popularise investments still further among small investors, payments of the purchase price by convenient instalments in case of Government papers should be allowed, the actual security paper being handed over to the purchaser only after the full purchase price had been paid up.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE.

Discussing the causes of slow growth of banking and investment habits, the witnesses pointed out that there was a certain amount of lack of confidence in the management and supervision of joint stock banks. There were glaring defects in the Indian Companies Act which required amendment especially in the following particulars:

(a) Publicity of accounts;

(b) Appointments and powers of directors and effective contract of shareholders over them;

(c) Responsibility of auditors and the sufficiency of their certificates and

(d) Speculation by managers and directors in shares of their companies.

The auditors should be required to certify that there were no concealed or secret reserves and that the assets had not been eitheir undervalued or overvalued. They should also certify that sufficient provision had been made for bad and doubful debts. In particular, it should be made illegal for the directors of banks to solicit proxies or to vote as regards the appointment or remuneration of auditors who should be given a statutory right to attend and speak at all general meetings of the banks. When a bank possessed a controlling interest in another company, particulars relating to the position of the company should be circulated along with its own balance sheet.

HOSIERY AS COTTAGE INDUSTRY.

The Committee then examined Mr. K. N. Katrak, representative of the Bombay Hosiery Merchants' Association. The witness gave his views as to how hosiery industry cottage industry as a supplement to agriculture. The spread of this industry would stop the import of Hosiery goods, which came to about five crore's of rupees annually. The finish thing necessary to assist the ryots in this connection was the creation of organisations in each disrict for purchasing and distributing on easy terms hosiery machines. These organisations should also train a number of men who should visit villages and initiate the ryots in the working of these machines and give them necessary advice.

The last witness of the day was Mr. K. S. R. Iyer, representative of the Indian Insurance Companies' Association.

Mr. Iyer maintained that it was an undisputed fact that the advent and expansion of insurance companies in India had been responsible for the attraction of capital for investment purposes.

The Committee then rose for the day.

WAY TO PROMOTE COTTAGE INDUSTRY.

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A Lesson From China.

The following are extracts from the report submitted by Mr. K. N. Katrak, on behalf of the Bombay Hosiery Merchants Association to the Banking Enquiry Committee, on the industry, which can be utilized for making a cottage Industry supplimental to Agriculture, as required in Para 6 of the questionnaire of the Banking Enquiry Committee:—

To encourage cottage industries, centres near big village towns like Bulsar, Surat Nausari should be organised with an establishment on a small scale the upkeep of which should not be more than Rs. 800/- a month.

The centres will train up villagers in the cottage industry, in their spare time for about 2 to 3 hours a day for about six months by which time they will learn to handle different kinds of machines.

The expenses of those centres should at first be borne by Government and later on when villagers have sufficiently learnt to handle the machine, assistance should be given them to buy these machines on instalments system or a loan to be granted to them repayable on easy instalment system with a nominal rate of interest.

SURE MEANS OF INCREASING INCOME.

The cultivators may readily take up this sort of work as it is sure to increase their monthly income by a very decent figure than by anything else. By supplying machines and encouraging such sort of cottage Industries will go a great way in solving the economic welfare of India. A machine is useful to the whole family who will individually use it in their spare time. Such sort of machines can be contained for about Rs. 350/- per machine, and the money can be easily recovered from the labourers in 2 to 3 years time after which he becomes the absolute owner of the same.

The scheme which has been adopted in the Government of Behar and Orissa is very useful for the progress of the knitting industry, as the same is exactly what Japan does, and which may be seen in the "Textile Mercury" of Manchester on the April, 1926.

A LESSON FROM CHINA.

"Hosiery Knitting in Ping-Hu, Chekiang, dates back a little over a decade, and is rapidly growing in importance mainly owing to the adaptability of the knitting machines to household works. When the machines were first introduced in 1912-13 they were of British or American make. A little later, however, machines of German and Shanghai local manufacture were bought in large numbers at very much lower prices, and a system was started to rent out the machines to various households. This greatly reduced the cost of manufacture, and extended the market of Ping-Hu hosiery to Shanghai and other populous Chinese centres in Yangtze valley as far north as the Yellow river.

"At present two of the leading companies owning a thousand machines each, and two with 400, about a dozen companies with over 200 each, and a score of other smaller ones with 50 machines, are operating in the city and suburbs of Ping-Hu. The total number of machines reaches nearly ten thousand, about 30 per cent of which are constantly at work on the basis of an average daily output of a dozen pairs of hosiery from each machine, or 8,000 dozen from 8,000 machines in operation; the monthly production is estimated at 240,000 dozen. Allowing eight working months in the year the annual output reaches close to 2,000,000 dozen.

WORKING IN SPARE HOURS.

"Almost without exception the knitting companies have no factories, although thousands of persons are mployed, the machine leasing system enabling them to carry on business with a small central office and warehouse. The system also makes it possible for young girls and housekeepers to work in their spare moments in their own houses, and for members of the same family to work in shifts on the same machine.

"Following the success of the Ping-Hu concerns, neighbouring cities in western Checkiang, such as Kashan, Kaching, Shibinon and Siashih, have become centres of the knitting Industry one after another. With the exception of Siashih, none of these places can, however, compare, with Ping-Hu in importance. The same system of leased machines is in vogue in Siashih and owing to the favourable location of the town on the Shangi-Hangchow Railway the industry has grown by leaps and bounds since its introduction few years ago."

DUTY OF GOVT.

If the Government does not wish to take upon itself the responsibility of opening centres at various places, then the Government should encourage the few existing factories in this presidency by giving State Aid as has been done by the Behar and Orissa Government, who sends persons by giving them scholarships to train up in cottage industry outside their province, must be asked in turn to train up certain numbers of persons appointed by Government, or they be asked to open centres in villages where the poor ryots may be trained in cottage industry.

(The oral evidence of Mr. Katrak is given above).

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USEFUL NOVELTY.

The latest stage in the direction of popularising Persian is initiated by Mr. Phiroze Sohrabji Gazdar. This gentleman is an enthusiast of the Persia movement. His open-handedness in the cause with which he has identified himself is well-known. Mr. Gazdar is one of the very few Parsis who have travelled right through Persia and Russia to Europe. The latter portion of his uncommon journey was performed by himself alone. Last week Mr. Gazdar issued invitations to the 'elite' of Bombay to participate in the joyful ceremony of the Navjot of his child Sohrab. The invitations were in the Persian language and Gujarati script. The useful novelty has much to recommend it. The warm enthusiasm of the neophyte in matters Persian cools before the Perso-Arabic alphabet. And Persia herself realizes, at least her enlightened leaders do, that it is an anchronism to assign sentimental weight to the script of her idiom.

In view of the unexpected success which Mr. Gazdar has met, it becomes a question worth considering, whether in India we should not optionally adopt the Gujarati, which is practically the Devnagri script, for transcription of Persian. Mr. Gazdar's bold initiative is what the Germans call 'bahnbrechend'. Many are likely to follow him. This is inferable from the heaps of replies to his invitations which were couched in Persian. If there was not the well-grounded apprehension of reviving a profitless sentimentalism I would cordially support a more extensive use of the Gujarati script for writing Persian and employing more Persian vocables which were current only a generation ago and which have received the valued imprimatur of the eminent authority of Dewan Bahadur Krishnalal Mohanlal Jha-(1) C. S. Rath, (2) C. R. Pingle, (3) M. S. Oza.

Elphinstone High School Annual Meeting.

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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

Under the presidentship of Mr F. B. P. Lory, Director of Public Instruction, the annual athletic sports of the Elphinstone High School, Bombay, was held on Thursday evening in the School, compound, The athletic events were continued on Thursday evening from the previous day. The mass drill was the striking feature of the function.

The Principal of the School in his speech gave a review of the work done by the school during the past year, together with the examination results. Great emphasis he said, had been laid on physical education which had been made compulsory in the school.

Mr. Lory said that he had heard something of the progress made by the school during the past year in the Principal's speech, and took the opportunity of congratulating them on their achievement. He referred to a past association of his with the school and paid a tribute to the education, moral and mental, which has been given to the pupils. In conclusion he expressed an earnest hope that the institution would flourish in the future as it had in the past.

Mrs. Lory then distributed the prizes.

The following are the results.—

1 Mile Race (Open):—(1) G. N. Kenny, (2) P. B. Gandhi, (3) Surti.

Half Mile (under 16):—(1) C. S. Rath, (2) C. R. Pingle, (3) M. S. Oza.

High Jump (Open):—(1) V. N. Desai, (2) J. G. Gandhi, (3) R. S. Rai.

Long Jump (under 16):—(1) C. R. Pingle, (2) C. S. Rath, (3) P. T. Pandya.

Wide Jump (Open):—(1) R. S. Rai, (2) V. N. Rathoo, (3) V. N. Desai.

120 Yards Hurdles (Open):—(1) P. B. Gandhi, (2) V. N. Desai, (3) R. M. Rane.

120 Yards Hurdles (under 16):—

Quarter Mile Flat Race (Open):—(1) G. S. Markar, (2) P. B. Gandhi, (3) R. S. Rai.

100 Yards Flat Race (under 16):—(1) C. R. Pingle, (2) C. S. Rath, (3) V. V. Kotharie.

100 Yards Flat Race (Open):—(1) C. S. Gangiri, (2) P. B. Gandhi, (3) V. N. Desai.

220 Yards Flat Race (Past students):—(1) K. R. Vaidya, (2) P. N. Patwardhan.

Teachers' Race:—(1) Y. G. Modak, (2) S. H. Modak.

H. H. LADY ALISHAH VISITS AGA KHAN SCHOOL,

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Her Advice To Take To Education.

On Sunday last Her Highness Lady Alishah, at the invitation of the members of H. H. the Aga Khan's Central Board of Education, visited the Central Free School of H. H. the Aga Khan at Sandhurst Road, Bombay, when a gathering of the School girls of His Highness the Aga Khan was held. It was very largely attended to by the lady followers of His Highness the Aga Khan who were 1000 in number.

After Her Highness took her seat the girls of the several schools of His Highness the Aga Khan went through a splendid programme commencing with a song of welcome to Her Highness. Among other things it also consisteed of items of physical culture, sewing, cutting and cooking.

SCHOOL'S REPORT.

One of the girls of the School on behalf of the Board submitted a short report in which it was stated that H. H. The Aga Khan's Board of Education was receiving a princely grant of Rs. 50,000/- a year from His Highness the Aga Khan to conduct several schools under their management, which are 13 in number, for the children of his followers and that in these schools in addition to the secular and religious education girls were also taught first aid, cooking, needle work and physical culture. The number of children in all schools amounted to 1470.

Her Highness then opened the oil painting portrait of His Highness the Aga Khan presented by Mrs. Sakinabai R. Currimbhoy amidst cheers. Mrs. Rahimtoola Currimbhoy Ebrahim was congratulated by Her Highness Lady Alishah for her magnificient gift, and she was followed in her congratulations by other ladies present.

Her Highness was then presented with cushion covers embroideries and table covers prepared by the School girls in the Schools as a token of remembrance of Her Visit.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS.

Her Highness then made a very suitable reply wherein she gave very useful advice to the girls present and exhorted those present to send their children to schools, and continue doing so till they got sufficiently good education. Her Highness in remembrance of her visit presented all the school girls with a richly embroidered silk handkerchiefs.

INDIAN HISTORICAL RECORDS COMMISSION.

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(From a Correspondent.)

GWALIOR, Dec. 17.

By the energy of Mr. Abdul Ali, Secretary, the arrangements for holding the 12th session of the Indian Historical Records Commission to-morrow have been completed. Many members have arrived and include Shamsul Ulema Kamaluddin Ahmed, (Calcutta) Messrs Mehta C. I. E. (Calcutta.) Sirinivasa Chari (Madras), Dr. Aiyangar (Madras) Balasubramanium Pillai (Pondicherry) Nilratan Sastri (Madras), and Sherwani (Usmania University).

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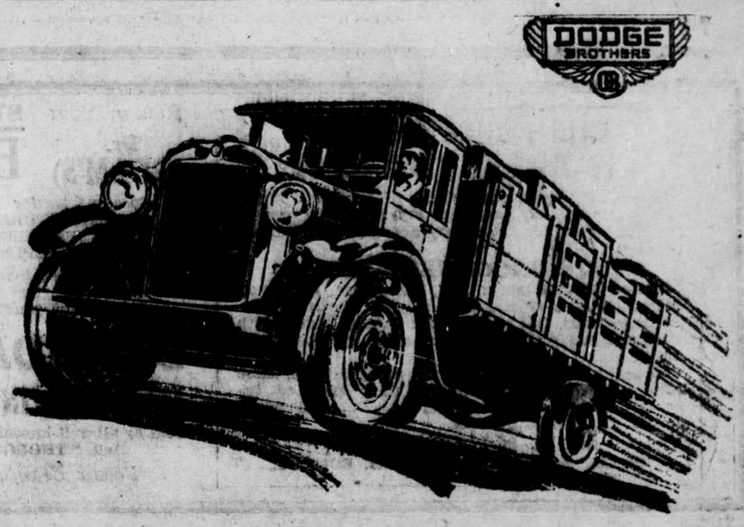

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KARWAR NOTES.

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Alleged Libellous Statement In Official Document.

(From Our Correspondent.)
KARWAR, Dec. 15.

Libel proceedings are contemplated against the Government for the publication of the following statement in the "Memorandum prepared by the Government of Bombay for submission to the Indian Statutory Commission," at p. 232:

"In July, 1927, some of them (the Depressed Classes) aided by a Goud Saraswat Brahman tried to effect an entrance into a temple at Karwar. Timely police precautions averted a breach of the peace and eventually a compromise was reached, which permitted the depressed classes to worship the idol of Ganpati before its final immersion'.'

The 'Goud Saraswat Brahman' concerned considers this report libellous and defamatory of himself with regard to the movement that was carried on by him on strictly lawful and constitutional lines for temple-entry of the Depressed Classes at Karwar. He holds the Government guilty of misrepresentation of facts, and indeed any one here who has followed the movement can only wonder how such an account of it got into an important official document like the above, conducted as the movement was in the heart of a headquarters town like Karwar under the very noses (so to say) of the District officialdom.

Now the facts are these. On the occasion in question, 'in July, 1927,' there was absolutely no attempt on the part of the prohibited classes to effect an entrance into any local temple. What trouble there was consisted in the row created by a set of rowdies unlawfully trying to prevent Sjt. S. D. Nadkarni, the Brahmaa in question from simply distributing an anti-untouchability leaflet of his to people who were frequenting the Vithoba temple for worship on the Ashadhi Ekadashi day. There were no members of the Depressed Classes at all on the scene, much less was there any attempt on their part to effect an entrance into the temple. As to 'police precautions,' the one or two constables present merely looked on and did nothing to stop the rowdyism, but later on a police officer entered the temple and tried unsuccessfully to pursuade Sjt. Nadkarni to desist from his lawful propaganda! That was all the police did on the occasion. The 'Ganpati Utsav' which was celebrated later and in a different place, and in which the 'untouchables' along with other Hindus were allowed to participate from beginning to end (and not merely at the end, as suggested in the "Memorandum") had nothing at all to do with that particular incident in the temple. The Ganpati Utsav was only a part of the movement which aimed at converting the *bhajaks* or 'touchable' worshippers of the emple in question to the reformers' view by the usual means of lectures, kirtans, leaflets, manifestoes and the like. This propaganda was undertaken and conducted in view of a general meetings of the *bhajaks* which was due about that time, and at which the question of temple-entry for the Depressed Classes was to have been raised. It was only when a satisfactory majority had voted in favour of the reform, that the actual entry by members of the Depressed Classes was to follow. All this had been made clear in the course of the movement through the local press. (By the way, no general meeting has yet been called by the managers of the temple in question since the movement was started three years ago, although they are expected to call one once a year). Clearly the story of a compromise and all the rest of it can only be the figment of some bureaucratic brain.

A SCHOOL SOCIAL.

The Social Gathering of the local High School, f which I wrote in my last, was a splendid success. The weather was throughout favourable. Educational Inspector Mr. Vakil's presidential address delivered without notes was an enlightening talk to teachers, guardians and pupils, though some of his suggestions were impracticable and het provokingly slurred over the Government's sins of omission and commission in his review of educational developments in this and other countries. Mr. M. R. Nadkarni's speech while giving thanks to prominent helpers of the function and extending good wishes to dall assembled was a rare flight of eloquence which lifted his audience almost literally off their feet. The theatrical par of the program exceeded all expectations in the excellence of its execution, especially the Marathi play "Satteche Gulam," which was re-performed for the Sind Relief Fund. There were besides two short operas in Hindustani and Kannada occupying one night.

THE LATE MR. V. S. NAIK.

At a meeting convened in the Mitra Samaj Hall a resolution of condolence was passed over the sad and untimely death of Mr. V. S. Naik, late Collector of Bijapur. (Until a few years ago he was known as Mr. Gonehalli after his native place.) The speakers dwelt on the deceased's career which was a shining example of self-help. Born in the very backward agriculturist caste of Nadors in this district, he was entirely a self-made man. Rising from the position of a vernacular trained teacher to be a Cambridge, M.A. and a Barrister-at-law, he made a name for himself as a public-spirited officer. First amongst the varied interets he had at heart were agricultural development and the co-operative movement. Being himself a true-born Kannadiga, he was devoted to the cause of Karnatak unification. It was learnt from a speaker, a young casteman of his, that Mr. Naik, had composed an original history of Karnatak, which must now be lying in a fragmentary condition owing to his untimely end. Amongst others who spoke were Messrs. M. T. Shetti, M. R. Nadkarni, D. B. Nadkarni, Biranna Naik, the District Judge Mr. Ok and the Mamlatdar Mr. Surpur. Rao Saheb M. V. Kalkini, the G. O. M. of Karwar, presided.

Mysore.—Two persons were killed and two were injured as a result of a gun powder explosion in a house in a village. A man wanted to buy powder kept in a pot in that house and while a small quantity was ignited for testing it exploded and sparks ignited the powder in the pot itself with the result that two were killed and two were injured.—A. P.

Madras.—The Finance Committee of the Madras Legislative Council has resolved to request the Council at the next meeting of the Council for a grant of two lakhs of rupees to the Madras Association for the Blind in order to construct a school.—A. P.

Patna.—Disagreeing with the verdict of the assessors, the Sessions Judge of Muzaffarpur has convicted and sentenced three persons in the Maulania Political Dacoity case to ten years rigorous imprisonment each.—A. P.

Madras.—The Executive Committee of the Madras Labour Union will wait in deputation on Sir B. N. Mitra who arrives here to-morrow.—A. P.

SARASWATI SANGIT VIDYALAYA.

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The 15th annual social gathering and second prize distribution of the above Vidyalaya came oft on Sunday at the Framji Cowasji Institute under the presidentship of Dr. G. V. Deshmukh M.D.,F.R.C.S.

After the prayers were recited the students of the institute gave a varied programme of harmonium, dilruba, and vocal music. The best feature of the programme was the Indian orchestra wherein about 13 students took part and played different Indian instruments. At the end of the programme Mr. Kolhatkar made a speech appreciating the work of the institution.

Dr. Deshmukh then distributed the prizes and gave a very learned address. Looking to the progress of Indian music, he said, it would have been much better had he been born ten years later, for then he could also have got the advantage of this training. Years back music occupied a very high place but later it had to face a very serious decline. Of late it had progressed immensely and it was a very happy change and he added that so long as the University did not support Indian music its progress was bound to be restricted and he exhorted Indian youths to clamour for and insist on the University taking up this subject.

The gathering dispersed after a vote of thanks to the chair.

HINDU DEPUTATION TO RAJPIPLA.

In connection with the alleged assaults by the police officers on the workers of the Hindu Sabha and the Arya Samaj a deputation of the Bombay Presidency Hindu Sabha will wait upon His Highness the Maharaja of the Rajpipla State at Rajpipla on Sunday (the 22nd inst.)

The deputation will leave Bombay on Saturday morning by the Kathiawar Express. It consists of Raja Govindlal Shivlal Motilal (leader.) Rao Saheb Dadubhai Desai, M. L. C. Raja Narayanlal Bansilal, Mr. W. S. Mukadam, M. L. C., Mr. Jagjivan Ujamsi, Mr. Shivdas Chapsey, Mr. Mavji Govindji, Mr. Jivrajji Nansi, Mr. Anandpriyaji Pandit, Mr. Chotabhai Shankarlal and others.

PROF. PHADKE'S FINE ART EXHIBITION.

The Secretary of the Nagpur Art Circle, Nagpur, writes:—

"In the report of the opening of the Arts Exhibition given in your paper, your correspondant has made a grievous omission. It is this. The Art Circle awarded a special gold medal to Prof. Phadke's Fine Art Exhibition, which under our auspices was also opened by Mrs. Whitley. Mahatmaji's operation and the appearance of a nurse with a tray containing materials for the operation as also Mahatmaji's writing of his autobiography was very highly admired and appreciated by the distinguished visitors. His Excellency the Governor and Mrs Tambe also accompanied the distinguished visitors and expressed their entire satisfaction with Prof. Phadke's show"

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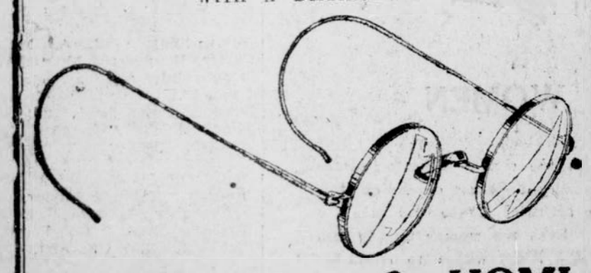

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SILVER REACHES NEW LOW LEVEL.

Weekly Market Reports.

(From Our Special Correspondent)
Bombay, Dec. 20.

MONEY:—Conditions in the money market were comparatively easy this week and the rate for call funds declined to as low as 3 per cent. To-day, however, on account of payment for treasury bills, there were more borrowers at the rate. Large sales of sterling to Government during the last two weeks and fairly heavy treasury maturities last Saturday and to-day are responsible for the present situation. The latest statement of the Imperial Bank shows the trade demand has increased by the large figure of about Rs. 308 lacs owing to cotton finance and consequently the present easy condition is looked upon as purely transitory. The following are the fixed deposit rates:—One month 4 per cent., two months 4-1/2 per cent., three months 5 to 5-1/4 per cent. and six months 6 per cent.

The statement of the Imperial Bank of India as of 13th December shows a decrease of Rs. 254.84 lacs in the cash balance now amounting to Rs. 16,38,71,000 as compared with Rs. 11.48 crores at this time last year. The percentage of cash to liabilities is 20.60, a decrease of 2.90 per cent under last week. Loans, Cash credits and Inland bills discounted have all increased by Rs. 2.68 lacs. Rs. 101.75 lacs and Rs. 46.69 lacs respectively. Government deposits are up by Rs. 57.15 lacs to Rs. 8.48 crores, while other deposits are down by Rs. 163.19 lacs to Rs. 69.29 crores. The Bank rate remains unchanged at 7 per cent.

Quiet and dull conditions prevailed in the gilt-edged market and the transctions were few and far between. 3-1/2 per cent Paper kept steady at Rs. 67-15 and 5 per cent. 1945-55 Loan at Rs. 101-2-6. 5 per cent 1935 and 1933 Loans improved slightly to Rs. 97-8 and Rs. 100-4 and 1939-44 remained unchanged at Rs. 95-14. 6 per cent Bonds due 1930, 1931 and 1932 quietened to Rs. 100-5, Rs. 101-5 and Rs. 102-5 respectively. 6-1/2 per cent Bombay Development Loan declined to Rs. 105-1. 4 per cent 1960-70 Loan steadied to Rs. 77 and 1931--37 to Rs 90-4. 4-1/2 per cent 1955-60 loan remained unchanged at Rs. 86-8 and 1934 Bonds at Rs. 95-10.

Tenders for £6 millions 12 months India Sterling Bills were opened on the 17th instant and amount applied for aggregated £8,365,000 of which £ 6 million were allotted. Tenderers at £ 94-12-10 will receive about 46 per cent and those above that rate in full. The average rate per cent per annum is £ 5-5-6.48.

The currency return of the 15th December shows a decrease of Rs. 62.82 lacs in note circulation which now stands at Rs. 179.10 crores. Silver coin and silver bullion under coinage are down, the former by Rs. 103.07 lacs to Rs. 105-12 crores and the latter by Rs. 5.37 lacs to Rs. 3.48 crores, while gild coin and bullion remain unchanged at Rs. 32.22 crores. Securities in India have risen by Rs. 15.26 lacs to Rs. 36.76 crores and those in England by Rs. 30.63 lacs to Rs. 1.50 crores. The metallic reserve ratio to circulation is 78.63 as against 78.96 a week ago.

The recent statement of the Finance Member on the financial policy of the Government should serve to allay the uncertainity that prevailed in some quarters on the subject of the ratio. Practical businessmen did not for a moment believe that any change was either desirable or feasible.

EXCHANGE:—Although rates for sterling exchange were unchanged, the tone was steady, with few buyers, apart from Government, at 1s. 5-15/16d. Sales by exporters were on an increasing scale, while the enquiry for import settlements continues small. It is reported that Government bought last week about £ 2,623,000. The following are the closing rates in the forward market: December 1s. 5-29/32d., January 1s. 5-15/16d., February 1s. 5-29/32d., March/April 1s. 5-7/8d. and May 1s. 5-29/32d.

The dollar sterling quotation after improving from dol. 88-1/16 to dol. 4.88-9/32, declined and closed at dol. 4.88-1/4. French francs are quoted at 123.90, the Belga at 34.86 and the Italian lira at 93.25.

GOLD:—Rates in the gold market ruled steady advancing to Rs. 21-9-6 per tola for ready. The daily offtake has been maintained at the last week's level of 12,000 tolas but spot supplies fell off to about 1 lac tolas. Sovereign rates were unchanged at Rs. 13-7-0 both for ready and delivery 13th January settlement In London the quotation of gold fell to 84s..10-1/4d. on Tuesday but closed at 84s.11-1/4d. In our market the highest and lowest rates were Rs. 21-9-6 and Rs. 21-9 for ready, Rs. 21-8-9 and Rs. 21-8-3 for 17th December settlement and Rs. 21-8-3 and Rs. 21-8 for 15th January 1930 settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring £35,000 gold. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £120,000. The total imports during the week amounted to Rs. 12,11,638 in bar and coin. This week's shipment from London is expected to be £65,00.

The Southern Rhodesian gold output for the month of October last amounted to 46.923 ounces as compared with 45,025 ounces for September 1929 and 43,056 ozs. for October 1928.

SILVER:—Silver remained weak and price of ready fell sharply from Rs. 51-6 to Rs. 50-4, recovering at the close to Rs. 50-8 per 100 tolas. Sales by China Banks and America, together with lack of support in the local market, contributed to this weakness. At the lower levels, the daily offtake increased to about 175 bars and stocks on hand are down at about 3,200 bars, but fairly heavy supplies are expected for the December settlement. In Shanghai the rate of T. T. on London declined from 2s. 2-13/16d. to 2s. 2-5/16d. The price in London dropped from 22-9/16d. to 22-3/16d. for ready and 22-9/16d. to 22-1/4d. for forward. In our market the highest and lowest rates were Rs. 51-6 and 50-4 for ready. Rs. 51-5 and Rs. 50-4 for 28th December settlement and Rs. 51-6 and Rs. 50-5 for 20th January 1930 settlement. The incoming mail is expected to bring £87,000 silver. Inclusive of these arrivals and exclusive of the present week's shipment the total visible supply from London to India is about £152,500. The total imports during the week amounted to 216 bars and Rs. 33,442 in coin. This week's shipment from London is expected to be £ 5,000.

SHARES:—Pre-holiday dullness characterised the Stock Exchange and the volume of business was negligible. Cotton mill shares moved within the narrow range of about 5 points and the following are the fluctuations in some of the leaders:—Bombay Dyeings Rs. 698/12-701/4-697/8; Century Rs. 285, 287/8 285; Central India Rs. 452/8 453/12 452/8; Crescent Rs. 75 79/6; Fazulbhoy Rs. 481/4 480 486/4 481/4; Indian Bleaching Rs. 102/8 101/4; Indore Malwa Rs. 368/12 352/8xd; Kohinoor Rs. 151/4 150 153/12 151/4; New Great Rs. 162/8 166/4 162/8; Pearl Rs. 287/8 286/4 290 285; Simplex Rs. 33/12 12 35 33/12 and Swadeshi Rs. 381/4 383/12 382/8.

In the miscellaneous section almost similar conditions prevailed. Tata Steels improved from Rs. 53/8 to 57/4 for Ordinaries and from Rs. 246/14 to Rs. 260 for Def. Tata Hydros gained about Rs. 5 to Rs. 1172/8 while Andhra Valleys lost about Rs. 15 to Rs. 665. Tata Power Ordinaries were a shade quiet at Rs. 503/12. Alcocks improved to Rs. 296/4 and Bombay Burmahs to Rs. 750. Bombay Tramway shares rose from Rs. 133/12 to Rs. 136/4 and Bombay Steams from Rs. 208/12 to Rs. 211/4, while Scindia declined to Rs. 10/14. Cement shares were quiet, Bundi Cements closing at Rs. 15 and Indian Cements at Rs. 240. Katni Ordys. were down at Rs. 170 and Defds at Rs. 615 Railway shares kept steady, Ahmedabad Prantij quoting at Rs. 827/8, Amritsar Patti at Rs. 115, Tapti Valley at Rs. 672 and Upper Sindh at Rs. 85.

Imperial Bank shares are quoted at Rs. 1335 with contributories at Rs. 330 Bank of India shares were quiet at Rs. 94/4, while those of the Central Bank kept steady at Rs. 16/12.

YARN MARKET REPORT.

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Bombay, Dec. 20:

There had been no improvement as yet in the general condition of the yarn market in spite of expectations and as a matter of fact things are going from bad to worse so far as Yarn Trade is concerned. There has been a further decline in prices in all kinds of yarns and in the absence of satisfactory demand and in the presence of continued pressure of sales from all quarters the position is getting more and more serious and prices have been declining day after day. The present quotations are more of less nominal and some of the Import Houses as well as the dealers are so keen to clear their stocks that a buyer with firm order in hand for large quantities can secure special rates for his requirements. Cotton market is also getting weaker and although hopes have been entertained that the market will improve after the X'mas Holidays there do not appear any signs for a definite improvement in the present circumstances.

ENGLISH YARN.

Business is very small for forward deliveries whereas dealers have been busy in clearing their stocks even at very heavy loss. Buying is of a little nature and stocks have increased with the dealers and Import Houses. Deliveries are very limited.

JAPANESE YARN.

There has been good offtake due to very low prices but owing to very large stocks prices have been declining in all classes of yarns. Forward business is at a standstill as dealers are unwilling to commit further in the midst of such uncertain prospects.

ARTIFICIAL SILK YARNS.

The continued pressure of sales from Weak Holders and also from Import Houses owing to the end of the year, has produced an uneasy feeling in the market and prices have declined further and even at such a low level things do not appear very hopeful. It also seems as if the Makers show willingness to accept lower rates provided larger quantities have been offered, and as a result of low prices consumption is steadily increasing.

INDIAN YARNS.

Our Mills have been finding it very difficult to make fresh sales unless at almost unremunerative rates and there are also difficulties regarding deliveries of the goods already sold. Reports from consuming districts are dull and featureless and there are no signs as yet of an early revival of Yarn Trade. Consumption from Japanese and Indian cloth is extremely keen and the Hand Loom weavers find it every difficult to make both ends meet.

The future course of the market depends upon the Cotton prices and also upon the improvement in demand in the beginning of the next year.

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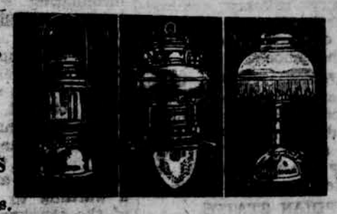

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PROGRAMME BEFORE YOUTH.

Mass Education And Mass Organisation.

COMPLETE INDEPENDENCE TO BE IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVE.

Ahmedabad Youth Conference Resolutions.

The following are some of the important resolutions passed at the Bombay Presidency Youth Conference, held at Ahmedabad on 14th and 15th instant.

This Conference expresses its condolence to the family of Jatin Das, Wizaya and those other heroic and self sacrificing patriots who laid down their lives for the emancipation of their country.

This Conference of Youths of Bombay Presidency believe that the regime of ruthless repression started by Government in vaious provinces in our country resulting in searches, detainments, trials and imprisonments of people who are organising the political and social activities of our country as evidenced by Meerut and Lahore prosecutions and the prosecution of President-elect of our Conference, and by passing the Trade Dispute Act, the Goonda Act and the Public Safety Ordinance should and does serve Youths as an incentive to starting militant activities all over the Presidency, while the Conference honours the pioneers who have suffered or died for the cause of National Freedom.

REACTIONARY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

This Conference of youths of the Bombay Presidency condemns the reactionary and de-national educational system imposed by Imperialism to undermine the character of young generation and to stampede all progressive movements amongst Youths, calls upon every Youth to counteract the mischievous effect of this demoralising educational system by taking active part in movements for the emnacipation of the country.

The Youths of the Bombay Presidency assembled in the Annual Conference do hereby declare that their immediate objective is complete National Independence of India. It recommends to the Indian National Congress to forthwith declare Complete Independence at its ensuing session at Lahore, and assures the Congress of its full and unqualified support in its struggle for complete National Independence.

The Conference further calls upon Indian political leaders not to compromise with the Government and warns them that if they do Youth will not hesitate to disown and repudiate them and carry on the fight inspite of them.

PROGRAMME.

This Conference calls upon the members of the A.I.C.C. and the delegates of the National Congress at Lahore, to formulate a programme of organising workers, peasants and other oppressed sections of the Indian people into Trade Unions, Peasant Associations and launch a mass struggle.

MASS EDUCATION.

The Conference invites Youths throughout the Presidency to conduct and supervise schools and libraries in the villages and in the working class areas of towns with a view to wipe out illiteracy, to spread knowledge and information amongst masses, and requests the local Youth Leagues to agitate for compulsory primary education in their local areas and to remove the element of communalism from the schools.

The Conference calls upon Youths to combat rigorously the forces of communalism, capitalism, feudalism, and Provincialism and special privileges as they are detrimental to the best interest of the nation.

THE INDIAN STATES.

This Conference stands for the abolition of the Feudal states and as such declares for assisting the growth of militant peasant and democratic movements in the native states and linking them with the anti-Imperialist mass struggle of the people in British territory.

This Conference admires the solidarity and brave resistance with which the workers at Bombay, Karachi and Golmuri and other parts of the country are carrying the struggle against Imperialism and its allies the native capitalists and labour reformists.

BHAGAT SINGH AND DUTT.

This Conference warmly appreciates the exemplary revolutionary courage and patriotism of Bhagat Singh and Dutt and while condemning the barbourous treatment meted out to them urges the Youth to carry on the fight for Freedom in the heroic spirit of Bhagat Singh, Dutt and others.

MEERUT TRIAL.

This Conference interprets the Meerut trial as a definite attack on the militant working class of India while it appreciates the heroic anti-Imperialist spirit of the Meerut prisoners and demands the withdrawal of Meerut trial and release of all political prisoners.

REFUSAL OF PASS PORT.

This Conference condemns the Macdonald Govt. for refusing passport to Comrade Saklatwala and Sailendra Ghose, the intrepid fighters against British Imperialism, and calls upon all Youths to organise Unions in the country to intensify the struggle for Independence.

"MISCHIEVOUS PROPAGANDA."

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Was Youth Conference A Failure?

In the course of a statement to the Press Mr. H. D. Rajah, Jt. Secretary, Bombay Presidency Youth League, states as follows:—

Many friends and sympathisers of the Youth Movement are asking me about our Conference held at Ahmedabad on 14th and 15th instant. Some are almost misled on account of misrepresentation and the mischievous propaganda carried on by the Anglo-Indian paper, the "Times of India." There is absolutely no truth in the statement that the Conference ended in a fiasco.

The fact is as follows. The Magistrate at Calcutta fixed up Saturday as the hearing day against Subhas Bose, and he had wired his inability to attend. Mrs. Kamaladevi was our next nominee, and we requested her to preside. She agreed, and under her able guidance the Conference was held. Many important resolutions, declaring Complete Independence to be the immediate objective, recommending to the Indian National Congress a programme of organising the Workers, Peasants, for attaining Complete Freedom, condemning the Labour Government in not issuing Passport to Mr. Saklatwala and others, admiring the heroic spirit of Bhagat Singh and Dutt, formulating a programme for youths to follow for the coming year were all passed without practically any opposition. The whole Conference was imbued with a spirit of earnestness and progressive outlook, and the Bombay Group contributed much to the success of the Conference. More than three thousand delegates were present, and they have given a warning to the elderly leaders of the country not to compromise with Imperialism and lower the prestige of the country. One resolution assures the leaders full co-operation of youths if they organise mass struggle with a view to achieve complete Independence.

HOUSE SEARCHES IN CALCUTTA.

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Seven Bengali Youths Arrested.

DEVELOPMENTS EXPECTED.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 19.

Early this morning, the officers of the Special Branch of the C. I. D. raided a house in Mechuabazaar Street as well as several other houses in the city and arrested seven Bengali Youths, all of them coming from Barisal, in connection, it is alleged, with the Putia (Rajshai) Mail dacoity. In the course of the search, the Police seized some alleged incriminating leaflets and letters. It is reported that the Police also discovered a bomb concealed in a bag, in the possession of one of the arrested youths. Those arrested are Nirmal Chandra Das, Dharani K. Bose, Prafulla Das Gupta, Sudhanshu Das Gupta, Niranjan Sen Gupta, Satischandra Pakrashy, and Ramendranath Biswas.

It is reprted that more searches were made this evening. Further developments are expected. The arrested youths have been remanded to custody pending enquiry.—A. P.

Arrested Persons Placed Before Magistrate.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

Niranjan Sen Gupta and six other Bengali young men arrested yesterday in connection with the bomb find in Mechua Bazar were placed to-day before the Chief Presidency Magistrate. Bail was refused and the accused have been remanded to custody till January 3.—Free Press.

Bail Application Refused.

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CALCUTTA, Dec. 20.

The bail application on behalf of Dharanikanta Biswas, a student of Rungpur College arrested in connection with the Natore Mail robbery case was dismissed by Justice Suhravardy and Page as the accused was identified by two passengers travelling in the same bus. Their Lordships directed the Magistrate to give all facilities to the accused for preparing for the ensuing I.A. examination.

TWO YOUTHS DISCHARGED.

Chandidas Chatterji and Manikrishna Sen Gupta who were arrested in the same connection but who were bailed out under the orders of the High Court have been discharged as evidence connecting them with the incident had not been received.—Free Press.

Viceroy Leaves For Ellora.

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SECUNDERABAD, Dec. 20.

Lord and Lady Irwin, accompanied by the Resident and Lady Barton, visited the historic Golconda Fort this morning, inspecting "en route" the Himayeth Sagar and the Osman Sagar, two of the largest tanks in the State. At Golconda Their Excellencies visited various monuments, including the tomb Hyiat Bakshi Begum, wife of the sixth King of Golconda.

Their Excellencies left for Ellora at three in the afternoon, the departure being private. H. E. H. the Nizam, and Maharaja Kishen Prasad were present at the station to see them off.—A. P.

EXHIBITION TO BE OPENED ON SUNDAY.

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LAHORE, Dec. 19.

Owing to inclement weather, the opening ceremony of the Exhibition has been postponed to the 22nd instant when Sir P. C. Roy will perform the opening ceremony at 2 p. m.—Free Press.

NO INITIATIVE BY GOVT.

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Sarda Act And Mysore State.

INTERPELLATION IN COUNCIL.

BANGALORE, Dec. 20.

Answering an interpellation in the Mysore Legislative Council regarding the new water supply scheme for Bangalore, recommended by the Visveswaraya Committee, Mr. Matthan, Third Member of the Council, said that the total cost of the scheme, which would be undertaken departmentally, would amount to Rs. 50,81,000.

NO INITIATIVE BY GOVT.

One of the interpellations to-day referred to the Sarda Act. It was asked when the Government proposed to introduce a Bill embodying the provisions of the Sarda Act. The reply was that the Government did not propose to take the initiative in the matter.

Demands under various heads for supplementary grants were then taken up.

ELECTORAL RULES.

Accepting the recommendations of the Committee appointed to revise the rules relating to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council. The Government have passed orders abolishing postal voting introducing the system of requiring candidates for election to furnish deposits which will be liable to forfeiture in certain contingencies, and adopting the principle that election petitions should be heard by district judges, with the provision for appeal to the Chief Court.

TRADE AGENT IN ZANZIBAR.

With a view to develop the market for Mysore sandalwood oil and other products of Maysore in East and South Africa, the Mysore Government intend to appoint a Trade Agent in Zanzibar. A. P.

KANGRA VALLEY RAILWAY

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Traffic Interrupted.

BOMBAY, Dec. 20.

The Divisional Traffic Superintendent, Lahore, N. W. Railway, wires under date to-day:

"Due to heavy rain the banks have sunk in several places between Kupar Loher and Jawalmukhi Road on the Kangra Valley Railway. Transhipment is at present impossible and the booking of passengers and coaching and goods traffic is stopped for stations beyond Jawalmukhi Road in the up direction and Kupar Loher in the down direction. Goods traffic is also stopped for all stations between Jawalmukhi Road and Joginder Nagar, both inclusive. The probable duration of the block is not yet known."—A. P.

INDIAN STATES' PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE.

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Move For United Action.

BANGALORE, Dec. 20.

The second session of the All-India States' People's Conference will be held here early in January with a view to put forward a comprehensive statement of the demands of States subjects, the consolidation and amalgamation of the several organisations working for the attainment of responsible Government in Indian States and securing an equitable place for the States in the future Indian Constitution.—A. P.

In a meeting of the Scavengers' Union Lahore the following gentlemen were elected as Delegates and Advisers to the 14th Session of the International Labour Conference at Geneva. Delegate:—Dr. K. C. Hiteshi; Advisers, Mr. Dharam Bhushan and Dr. Sultan Mohammad, Ahmedi.

RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS.

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Govt. Is Side-Tracking Issue.

U. P. CONGRESS PRESIDENT'S WIRE TO MAHATMA.

CAWNPORE, Dec. 20.

Sjts. Ganeshshankar Vidyarthi, President, U. P. Provincial Congress Committee and Balkrishna Sharma, Member, All India Congress Committee have sent the following wire to Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Motilal Nehru:—

'Government is sidetracking the issue of political prisoners' release by bringing to the forefront the question of moral turpitude. The motive, and not the action consequent upon that motive, should be the determining factor. Who can question the purity of motive of youths treading a path different from our own? We, therefore, humbly urge upon you to insist that His Excellency be pleased to grant amnesty to prisoners convicted in connection with the Mandalay, Lahore, Kakori and Deoghar "Conspiracy" cases as well of Martial Law, Barisal, Mulshipeta murder and Benares, Bareilly shooting cases. Convicts in Dakshineswar and Manmad bomb cases must also receive sympathetic consideration from His Excellency. We also urge for withdrawal of Lahore, Meerut and Bhusaval "Conspiracy" and Bomb cases".—Free Press.

Release Political Prisoners.

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MADRAS, Dec. 20.

Dr. Varadarajalu Naidu has sent a telegram to the Viceroy submitting that amnesty to political prisoners should include those convicted for conspiracy case in the South Indian Railway strike last year.—Free Press.

NIGERIAN RIOTS DETAILS.

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"Firing Only Possible Cause In Circumstances."

LONDON, DEC. 19.

Further details of the Nigerian riots received in London give the deathroll at Opobo as 20. Troops of the West African Frontier Force arrived at the town just in time to prevent the mob from looting warehouses and the railway station. Rioters endeavoured to snach rifles from soldiers who were finally ordered to fire. The mob dispersed leaving many casualties. The number of wounded is not yet known. Apparently there have been no casualties among troops.

Order has now been restored. The Administrative authorities who conducted an enquiry express the opinion that the decision of the officer to order troops to fire was the only possible course in the circumstances. Factories have now been reopened. Troops have been withdrawn, and the police are in control. The authorities express opinion that there will be no recurrence of rioting.—Reuter.

NEW REGIME IN AFGHANISTAN.

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Plight Of Bacha's Wife.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 20.

Intimation has been received that with the exception of one wife of Bacha Saqao, who is still in Kabul, the rest of the families and children of the persons executed have been asked to go to their homes—A. P.

CONGRESS WAR AGAINST ILLITERACY.

Next Session Invited To Bombay.

B. P. C. C. MEETING.

The adjourned monthly meeting of the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was held on Friday evening at the Congress House, Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta presiding.

Besides business of internal management some important questions were discussed. The meeting approved of the following recommendation of the Council:—

"That the next annual session of the Congress or the special session, if held earlier, be invited to Bombay."

WAR ON ILLITERACY.

The following resolution was recommended for the consideration of the Lahore Congress:—

"That the Congress do organise an All-India Adult Literacy League to spread literacy amongst the adult population of India with a separate Constitution like that of the All-India Spinners' Association."

The three unnamed buildings in the Congress House, it was decided, be named "Tilak Mandir", "Vithal Nivas" and "Sarojini Sadan".

REMOVAL OF UNTOUCHABILITY.

With a view to carry on intensive propaganda for the removal of untouchability a sub-committee consisting of the following members, with power to co-opt, was elected:—

(1) Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta (Chairman), (2) Prof. D. R. Gharpure, (3) Mr. S. K. Patil, (4) Mr. Purushotam Tricumdas, (5) Mr. G. N. Desai, (6) Mr. I. S. Patil and (7) Mr. N. N. Menon.

Messrs. Maneklal H. Vakil and Abid Ali Jafferbhoy will act as Secretaries of the Committee.

GANDHIJI ASKED NOT LOWER CONGRESS FLAG.

Mr. C. K. Narayan Swami then moved:—

"The Bombay Provincial Congress Committee is of the opinion that Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Motilal Nehru should plainly tell the Viceroy that the Indian National Congress cannot accept the proposed Round Table Conference as Mr. Wedgwood Benn's speech during the debate in the House of Commons has sufficiently clarified the whole position, namely, the rejection of the terms of the Calcutta resolution."

Mr. Abid Ali seconded the resolution which, when put to vote, was defeated by one vote.

On the motion of Mr. Abid Ali another resolution was passed asking for more representation on the A. I. C. C.

The meeting was then dissolved.

PT. MOTILAL ADDRESSES CONGRESS VOLUNTEERS.

Two Things They Should Carry Out.

LAHORE, Dec. 20.

Cold, cloudy and rainy weather for the last twenty-four hours has caused great disturbance to the outdoor work of the Reception Committee. Still it is strongly hoped that the opening ceremony of the exhibition which had to be postponed to the 22nd instant on this ground, will be performed with usual pomp and show. To facilitate the distribution of the Reception Committee tickets to the members of the Reception Committee, tickets have been sent to the different persons of different localties so that the members from those localities may obtain their tickets from them.

Pandit Motilal Nehru accompanied by Dr. Saifuddin Kitchlew, Chairman, and Dr. Gopichand, General Secretary, Reception Committee, Pandit Santanam, Raizada Hansraj and Lala Dunichand of Ambala paid a visit to the Volunteers' Camp. The volunteers and lady volunteers gave a demonstration of their parade. The lady volunteers sang "Bande Matram" in chorus. On Senapati Sardar Mangal Singh's request Pandit Motilal addressed the volunteers. The Pandit said:—

"Volunteers and Lady Volunteers,—I want to say only a word to you and that is that you should fully realise your duty and perform it efficiently as well as obey the commands of your Officers implicitly. If you have done this there should be no reason why you should fail to do anything that is for you to do. I have only one thing to say to all lady volunteers. Your work and the interest that you take in your work not only adds to the beauty of the work, but it has other value of great concern. Your work serves as an example for the male volunteers and delegates. They will feel how they should work when they see your work so nicely. I hope the two things I have told you, you will surely keep before you. One is your duty which should be fulfilled even at the cost of your precious life; the other is discipline, that is, obedience to the orders of your Officers. Till the Congress session comes to a close I have many expectations from you and it is my earnest hope and desire that you will acquit yourselves of those expectations."

Mr. J. M. Sen Gupta wires from Calcutta to the Secretary, Reception Committee, of his arrival on 26th December at Lahore. An Enquiry Office has been opened on the Pandal grounds.—Free Press.

NEXT CONGRESS SESSION.

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Nasik's Invitation.

Mr. Marathe, Secretary, Congress Commitee, Nasik City, wires:—

"The Nasik District Congress Committee met on 17th inst. and unanimously resolved to invite the next Congress Session to Nasik on behalf of Maharashtra. Nasik is a sanitorium place of pilgrimage and centrally situated.

Khilafat Conference To Meet At Lahore.

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Dr. Sultan Mohamed wiring from Lahore says that at the invitation of Maulana Syed Habib several prominent Mussalmans of Lahore met in the "Siyasat" Office on the 19th instant. A Reception Committee to the annual general session of the Central Khilafat Committee was formed with Maulana Ghulam Rasul as General Secretary. Sub-Committees to push on with the work were also appointed. The session will be held on the 31st instant and the 1st January, 1930.

Karachi-Delhi Air Mail Extention.

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LONDON, Dec. 20.

The first air mail to be flown over the new Karachi-Jodhpur-Delhi extension of the London-India air route will leave London on Saturday, and is due at Delhi on 30th December.

Negotiations are proceeding for further extensions from Calcutta to Singapore and Australia.—Reuter.

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